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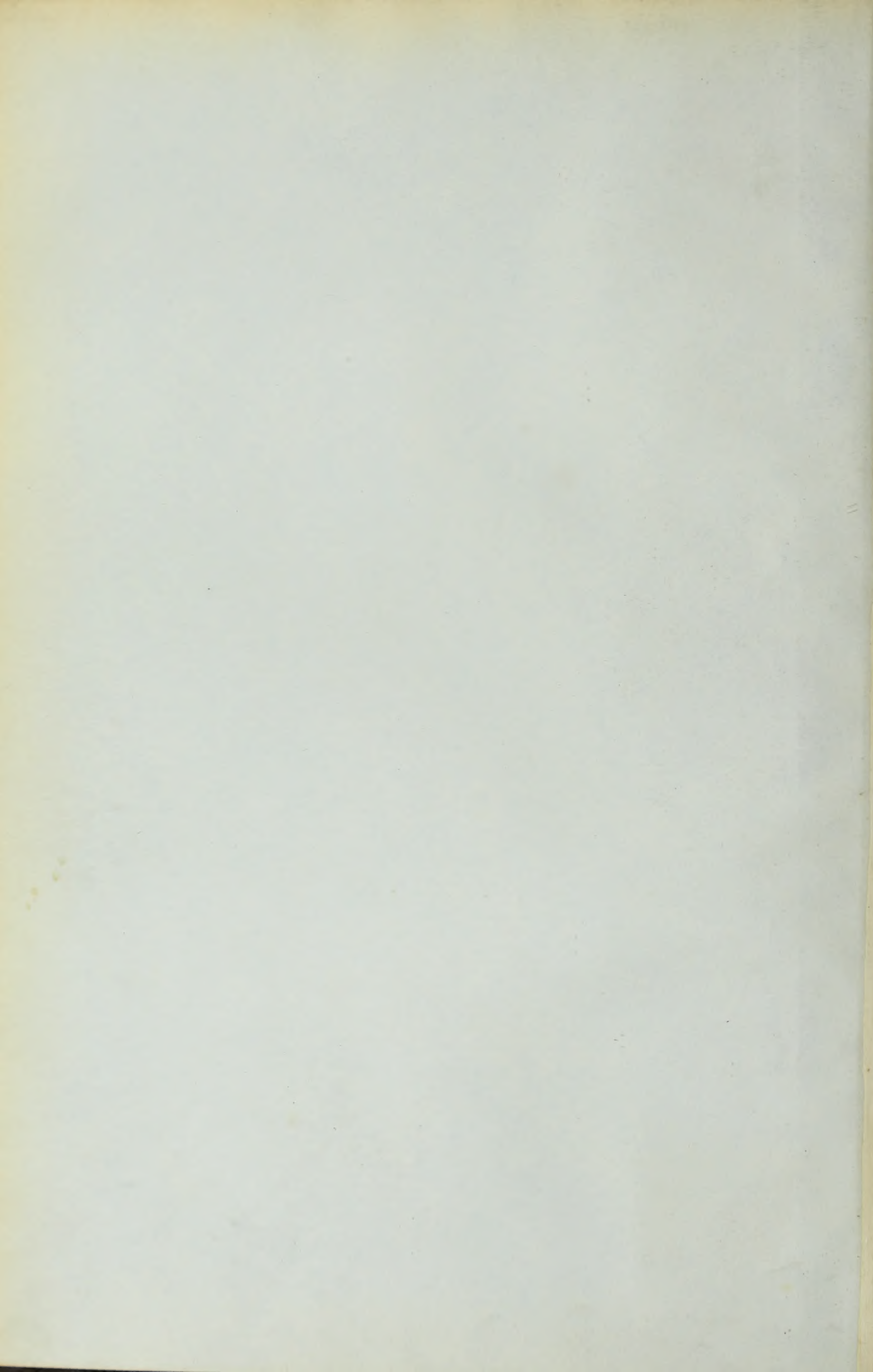


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January 6. 1851

This being the day appointed by law, for the organization of the City government, the following gentlemen appeared and took their seats, viz:

John Prescott Bigelow, Mayor.

Aldermen.

Henry B. Rogers.

Calvin W. Clark.

Billings Briggs.

Moses Kimball.

Moses Grant.

Abel B. Munroe.

Henry M. Holbrook.

Benjamin Smith.

Mr. Wright came up with a Message  
message, stating, that a quorum of the Common Council had  
assembled, and were now ready to form a Convention of the  
two branches of the City Council for the purpose of their being or-  
ganized.

The two branches met in Conven-  
tion in the Common Council Chamber. The meeting was opened  
with prayer, by the Rev. George W. Blagden, D.D.

The Honorable Samuel Shaw, Chief  
Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, administered the oaths re-  
quired by law, to the Mayor. The Mayor afterwards adminis-  
tered the like oaths to the Aldermen; then to the members of the  
Common Council. He then addressed the City Council.

After which the two branches se-  
parated.



A message was received from

Common the Common Council, stating that they had made choice of Francis Brinley, for President, and Washington P. Gregg, for Clerk.

City Clerk.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Common Council, proposing a Convention forthwith for the purpose of electing a City Clerk. A message was received from the Com. Council, stating that they agree to form a Convention for the choice of a City Clerk.

In Convention.

City Clerk.

The two branches of the City Council met in Convention in the Common Council Chamber, for the purpose of electing a City Clerk. - Aldermen Holbrook and Kimball, Messrs Carter, Wyman and Washburn, were appointed a Committee to receive and count the votes for City Clerk. Said Committee reported that the whole number was fifty five, all of which were for Samuel F. McLeary, and he was chosen. The business of the Convention being accomplished the two branches separated.

Common Council

Mr. Andrew Abbott, member elect of the Common Council from Ward No. 3. appeared, attended by Mr. Smith, and the several oaths required by law were administered to him by the Mayor.

Rules & Orders.

Ordered, That the rules and orders of the City Council for the last year be adopted by the present City Council, until otherwise provided. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.



Ordered, That Aldermen Hol- 3  
brook and Kimball, with such as the Common Council may Rules  
join be a committee to consider and report joint rules & Orders  
for the government of the City Council during the current  
year. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, and the  
Common Council joined on its part Messrs. Sever, Haskell and  
Crane.

Ordered, That the Mayor and Surveyors  
Aldermen be and they are hereby appointed Surveyors of High- of Highways.  
ways, according to the terms of the ordinance passed May 9.  
1832. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Ordered, That until the forth Meetings  
or order of this board, its meetings be holden on Monday  
afternoons, at four o'clock.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P.M.

Mr. Eben<sup>r</sup> Dale member elect of Common  
the Common Council from Ward N<sup>o</sup> 6 appeared attended by Mr. Council  
Fulnam; And the several oaths required by law, were ad-  
ministered to him by the Mayor. January 10. 1851



At a meeting of the board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the Thirteenth day of January. A.D. 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Accounts

Notice was received from the Common Council, that Messrs Minot, Plumer jr. and Haskell had been elected by ballot members of the joint standing Committee on Accounts on its part. Came up for concurrence. Concurred and Aldermen Briggs and Kimball were elected by ballot on the part of this board.

Assessors department.

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Bean, Manning and Kimball with such as the board of Mayor and Aldermen might join, the standing Committee on the Assessors department. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and Aldermen Holbrook and Kimball, were appointed on the part of this board.

Fuel.

Order of the Common Council appointing Messrs Cushing, Southard and Sprague, with such as the board of Mayor and Aldermen might join, the standing Committee on Fuel. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred, and Aldermen Briggs and Smith were joined.

Finance

Notice was received from the Common Council, that the following members were chosen the standing Committee on Finance, vizt: Messrs Dale, Cummings, Bean, Gardner, Beal, Dorrance and Sever. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred. The Mayor is ex-officio.



Order of the Common Council 5

at appointing Messrs Wright, Gunham & Lincoln with such as the board of Mayor and Aldermen might join, a standing Committee on the Institutions at Cuba, Potters & Deer Island. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and the Mayor, Aldermen Grant and Munroe were joined.

Order of the Common Council Harbour

at appointing Messrs. Plumer, & Lincoln and Elder, with such as the board of Mayor and Aldermen might join, a standing Committee on the Harbour. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and Aldermen Clark and Smith were joined.

Order of the Common Council Enrolled

appointing Messrs. Tucker, Lind, Lee, Buckard and Stearns with such as the board of Mayor and Aldermen might join, a standing Committee on Enrolled Ordinances. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and Aldermen Rogers, Grant and Holbrook were joined.

Order of the Common Council Public

appointing Messrs. Swallow, Putnam, Thompson, Crane & Bosworth with such as the board of Mayor and Aldermen might join, a standing Committee on Public Buildings. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and Aldermen Briggs, Clark and Holbrook were joined.

Order of the Common Council Public

appointing Messrs. Minot, Beal, Brown, Cummings and Chapin with such as the board of Mayor and Aldermen might join, the standing Committee on Public Lands. Came up for concurrence.



Read and concurred and the Mayor Aldermen Biggs and  
January 13 1851. Munce were joined.

Public  
Instruction Order of the Common Council ap-  
pointing the President, ex officio of the Common Council, Messrs.  
Haskell, Dule, Jones and Reed, with such as the board of Mayor  
and Aldermen might join the standing Committee on Public  
Instruction Read and concurred and the Mayor Aldermen  
Rogers & Grant were joined.

Printing Order of the Common Council, ap-  
pointing Messrs. Crane and Kendall, with such as the board of  
Mayor and Aldermen might join, the standing Committee on Printing.  
Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and Alderman Grant  
was joined.

Public  
Library Order of the Common Council appoint-  
ing Messrs. Sever, Lorange, Lawrence, Loud and Labrow, with such  
as the board of Mayor and Aldermen might join the standing  
Committee on the Public Library. Came up for concurrence. Read  
and concurred, and the Mayor, Aldermen Rogers and Grant  
were joined.

Treasury Order of the Common Council, ap-  
pointing Messrs. Irving, Hargy and Still, with such as the  
board of Mayor and Aldermen might join, the standing Com-  
mittee on the Treasury department. Came up for concurrence. Read  
and concurred, and Aldermen Rogers and Whitbrook were joined.

Water Order of the Common Council, ap-  
pointing Messrs. Smith, Putnam, E. Lincoln, Hale, and Washburn,  
with such as the board of Mayor and Aldermen might join,  
the standing Committee on Water. Came up for concurrence.



Read and concurred, and the Mayor, and Aldermen Grant, 7.  
and Kimball were joined.

January 13. 1861.

The following Committee of the  
board of Mayor and Aldermen were nominated and appointed,  
vizt: Bridges, - Aldermen Kimball and Clark. - Cemeteries, - Alder-  
men Grant, Holbrook and Smith. - Common and Public Squares, -  
The Mayor, Aldermen Holbrook and Smith. - County Accounts, -  
Aldermen Briggs, Clark and Kimball. - Sewers and Drains, - Alder-  
men Briggs, Smith and Munroe. - Fire Department, - The Mayor,  
Aldermen Grant and Holbrook. - External health Department,  
Aldermen Kimball, Clark and Smith. - Internal health Depart-  
ment, - Aldermen Rogers, Grant and Holbrook. - Tramps, Bells &  
Clocks, - The Mayor, Aldermen Briggs and Munroe. - Laying out  
and widening Streets, - Aldermen Rogers, Holbrook and Clark. -  
Licenses, - Grant, Holbrook and Clark. - Market, - Aldermen Grant,  
Holbrook and Kimball. - Paving and Repairs of Streets, - Aldermen  
Briggs, Clark and Munroe. Steam Engines, - Aldermen Kimball  
Munroe and Smith.

The Auditor's communication re: Appropriations  
respecting transfer of appropriations. Referred to the Committee on  
Finance. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Petition of Thomas Helmore, Pres. Water  
ident of the Cochituate Water board that a room or place may be  
be assigned them where they may hold their meetings. Referred  
to the joint standing Committee on Public Buildings. Came  
down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Petition of W. H. Mower. -  
for a license for a concert of the Harmonicon. Referred to the  
Committee on Public Buildings. Came up concurred.



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Water.

Common

Journal

Ordered, That the joint standing

Committee on Water be requested to consider the expediency of recommending to the Board the order of inquiry now on file, in regard to conferring Insurance powers upon said board, and desire that they will give the matter that attention its great importance demands and report their views and suggestion in detail to the City Council at an early day. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred.

Common

Petition of Benjamin Cromie & others,

to have Bedford land accepted and laid out as a public street and highway. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

City Hall

Ordered, That Aldermen Briggs, Hol-

brook and Smith, with such as the Common Council may join, be a Committee to consider the subject of making an addition to the City Hall for further accommodations for City Officers. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, and the Common Council joined on its part. Messrs. Swallow, Richards and Smith.

Water.

Ordered, That the Committee on Public

Buildings be authorized to provide further accommodations for the Hutch, in the Central Watch house. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

K Street

Ordered, That the Superintendent of

Streets be authorized to remove the earth on K street, between First street and the water, whenever he may deem it proper to do so, for the purpose of filling and grading any surrounding streets.



Ordered, That the City Mar. 4.

that be directed to prosecute all persons who shall be found taking or cutting and carrying off land from the City of Boston and the water. Sent 13/1851.

Petition of Sarah Goodrich, for Goodrich

statement of taxes referred to the Committee on the Finance Department sent down for concurrence same up concurred.

Ordered, That Aldermen Briggs, Jail

Clark and Holbrook be the standing special Committee on the erection of the New Jail.

Petition of Morse and Fletcher, Morse

for leave to erect a Steam Engine at 812 Congress Street. Referred to the Committee on Steam Engines. Steam Engine

Petition of Jonathan E. Warner, for Warner

leave to erect a Steam Engine on Tuller's wharf, East Boston. Referred to the Committee on Steam Engines.

Petition of Oliver L. Kimball & Kimball

others, to have a Steam Engine on Commercial street, in Johnson's block, removed, the same being dangerous. Referred to the Committee on Steam Engines.

Communication was received from

from Dudley S. Cummings, Edwin H. Clark and Andrew D. Hall resigning as Visitors of the Boston Lunatic Hospital. Read, accepted and filed. Hospital

Whereas an order passed this Board

Board on the twenty eighth day of October 1851 concerning an assignment on certain estates on Broad Street for their payment



10 Part of constructing a common sewer in said street, and

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thence it appears that an estate owned by Luther Parks was omitted in the schedule, therefore Ordered, that the vote of this Board establishing the said assessments, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Ordinances

Ordered, That such ordinances,

advice

by laws and special order of the City Council, with a list of the officers in the various departments of the City Government and such other matter as may be deemed advisable be forthwith printed under the direction of the Joint Special Committee on Rules and Orders who may employ such assistance as may be necessary for that purpose. Ayes in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred.

Sanctoga

The Superintendent of Sewers and

Drains

exhibited a schedule of the cost of constructing a common sewer in Sanctoga street, Central square, Meridian, Decatur, and Border streets. Referred to the Sewers and Drains.

Road

The Superintendent of Sewers and

Drains

exhibited a revised assessment of the cost of constructing a common sewer in road street near Hentley's wharf. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Water

The Superintendent of Sewers and

Drains

exhibited an assessment of the cost of constructing a common sewer in Foster & Bremen streets. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Unfinished

Ordered That the several Committees

of the Board

resume the unfinished business of the last year.



The Port Physicians' quarterly

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ly report of Allen B. Langer arrived and landed from vessel.  
arrived in the harbor of Boston. Read and sent down.

Physician

The City Marshal presented City

his first quarterly report under the new Ordinance of transactions. Marshal  
in his office. Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Overseers of the Poor presented

Overseers

their annual report of moneys and wood distributed. Read and  
sent down.

of the Poor

John K. Bradford, wood measurer, Wood

made his annual report of wood measured by him the last  
year. Read and sent down.

measurer.

Whereas it appears that the

Smoking.

Ordinance against smoking in the streets is daily violated;  
It is ordered, that the City Marshal be directed to prosecute all  
such violations without any unnecessary delay.

The City Physician's report of the

Quarterly

last quarter. Came up from the Common Council. Read & filed.

Order of the Common Council,

Public

appointing Messrs. Tutnam Beal and Smith with such as the  
board of Mayor and Aldermen might join to consider & report

Garden

on so much of the Mayor's address as relates to improvements  
in the public garden. Came up for concurrence. Read and con-

curred, and thereupon ordered, that the same be referred to the  
Joint Standing Committee on Public Land. Sent down for con-  
currence. Came up concurred.



Richards leave to cover over a small piece of land, where they are about building in the corner of Merchants Row and Market square. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Water

Petition J. A. Richards, Water

Registrar.

Registrar, for leave to use books of valuation, in his own office, with the consent of the Assessors. Came up with this endorsement. In Common Council. Ordered, that the prayer of the within petition be granted. Read and concurred.

Engine

Joseph Pierce resigns as assis-

ing fireman of Engine Company No. 4. Petition of Hook & Ladder Company, No. 2 East. Offer that another more convenient house may be granted them. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Joint Rules

and Orders.

The Committee appointed on the

8<sup>th</sup> instant, to consider and report Joint Rules and Orders for the City Council during the current year, have attended to that duty and respectfully recommend the adoption of the joint Rules and Orders of the last City Council, with the following additions and alterations, viz: On page 5<sup>th</sup> of the Municipal Register for 1850. at the close of the list of Committees, add "Committee on Ordinances to consist of three Aldermen and five members of the Common Council." On page 7<sup>th</sup> Section 9. after the word "preceding" in the second line insert "by a Resolution to be chosen at their first meeting." On page 8<sup>th</sup> Section 11<sup>th</sup> after the word branch in the 5<sup>th</sup> line insert "All reports of Committee shall be signed by the writers thereof unless otherwise directed by the Committee. Strike out Section 12. Strike out 13. at the commencement of the last section and insert 12.



Bill of which is respectfully submitted to the Committee, and is  
W. Lever. Kept in Common Council came up, in accordance  
read and concurred.

Adjourned to Monday next four o'clock, P. M.

At a meeting of the board of January 20 1851  
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall  
on Monday the Twentieth day of January, Anno Domini, 1851.

Present

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Petition of Samuel W. Rope, Rope  
and others, to have two wooden posts removed from the corner of  
Harvard and Hudson streets. Referred to the Committee on Paving  
-ing with full power.

Petition of S. D. Ward, for leave Ward  
to open a cellar door through the sidewalk N. 13. Cross Street  
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Timothy G. Leeds, Leeds  
and others, proprietors of stores on the westerly side of Pearl Street  
to have the City give them a quit claim deed of a strip of land



14. in front of their said stores. Referred to the Committee on  
January 20, 1851. Having.  
Lord.

Petition of Thomas Lord, to have  
the ruins of his house in Gough Street, repaired in such a man-  
ner as to abate a nuisance. Referred to the Committee on In-  
terior Affairs.

Petition  
Master. Petition of G. P. Eckman, Harbour  
Master, that a fee be levied upon each vessel arriving in the  
Harbour of Boston, and for that purpose to petition the Legisla-  
ture in aid of his petition. Referred to the joint Committee on  
the Harbour. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Quarry  
Petition of James Carberry, complain-  
ing of the misconduct of members of the Centre or Eastern  
Division of the Night Watch, and asking that their conduct  
may be investigated. Referred to Aldermen Kimball, Clark and  
Munroe.

Refuse  
Ordered, That the committee on  
accounts be instructed to pass no bill, for any refreshments fur-  
nished to any Committee of the City Government, or any mem-  
ber thereof, provided wine or other spirituous liquors shall have  
been furnished as a part of said refreshments. Sent down for  
concurrence.

Public  
Garden. Ordered, That the Committee on  
Public Lands cause to be distributed as soon as convenient, the  
report of the Committee on the Public Garden, made to the City  
Council the last year. Passed in the Common Council the  
last year. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.



Nathaniel Ticknor & Paul 15.

as I. T. is licensed as a student and then read a paper. Indulgence

January 20, 1851

Order of the Common Council. Salaries.

Appointing Messrs. Sumner, Lyman and Kimball with such as the board of Mayor and Aldermen might join, a Committee to consider and report what salaries shall be paid to the City and County officers for the ensuing financial year. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and Aldermen Holbrook and Clark were joined.

Petition of the Managers of the Anti

Slavery bazaar held at Faneuil Hall, to have a certain portion of money expended, which was paid to the Superintendent of said Hall. Read and thereupon ordered, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Society

Ordered, That Belknap Street, between Myrtle and Beacon streets, be and the same here by is called and known by the name of Joy Street. Belknap

Ordered, That the joint Standing Committee on Public Lands, be and they are hereby authorized to report a plan for the disposal of the Old Fair Court House and land situate on Lowell Street. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred. Fair

Ordered, That the joint Standing Committee on Public Lands, be and they are hereby authorized to report a plan for the disposal of the Old Fair Court House and land situate on Lowell Street. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred. Fair

The Superintendent of Taxes and Grains exhibited a schedule of the cost of constructing a common sewer in Decatur Street from Meridian Street to Chelsea Street and the assessment upon the persons & estates deriving benefit therefrom. Referred to the Com<sup>tee</sup> on Taxes & Grains. This

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## The Superintendent of Sewers &

Drain. Exhibited a schedule of the cost of constructing a common sewer in Newton street, from Suffolk to Washington street, and the assessment upon the persons and estates deriving benefit therefrom. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

N. street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be, and he hereby is instructed to complete N. street, between N. street and the water.

South free  
bridge

Superintendent of the South

free bridge, made a report of the number of vessels which passed the draw of said bridge the last year. Read and sent down.

North free  
bridge.

Superintendent of the North free

bridge made a report of the number of vessels which passed the draw of said bridge the last year. Read and sent down.

Streets.

Superintendent of Streets made his quarterly report, which was read, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Water

Ordered, That the rooms lately occupied by the Water Commissioners, 8 N. Washington street be assigned to the Institute Water Board and that the Committee on Public Buildings cause the same to be furnished for them.

Ice Island.

Communication from the Directors of the House of Industry, that iron bedsteads &c. be furnished for the new building at Ice Island. Referred to the Committee on the Institutions at South Boston, and on Ice Island. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.



Petition of John Ford, that he may <sup>1 Samuel 20. 1850</sup> be enabled to bind himself for a term of three years, he having no <sup>Ford.</sup> parents or guardian. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

James B. Hoit was nominated & Police appointed a Special Police Officer to be stationed at the Lowell and Boston Station. This is a renewal of his old appointment.

An order, concerning the expediency of giving the Mayor official powers similar to those of a Chief Magistrate of the State government. Came up from the Common Council. Read and Laid on the Table.

Order of the Common Council Police appointing Messrs. Sizer, Lincoln, Lincoln, Hagan and Lawrence & others with such as the board of Mayor and Aldermen might join, a joint Special Committee to consider and report upon to much of the Mayor's address as relates to the re-organization of the Police and Watch departments. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and Aldermen Rogers, Grant and Holtbrook were joined.

The board proceeded by ballot Lunatic to the choice of Visitors of the Boston Lunatic Hospital, and the Hospital votes being taken it appeared that the following gentlemen were elected, vizt Messrs Charles Edward Cook, Otis Clapham, George Savage, Henry A. Holtbrook, Henry Lincoln, Samuel S. Perkins, in concurrence with the Common Council. This board none concurring in the choice of Alexander H. Rice, by electing Julius A. Palmer in his place. Sent down for concurrence.



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Syford.

Notice.

Thomas.

Whereas Thomas Syford has given

notice to this Board of his intention, as tenant, to alter buildings on Smith Street, in the said City and in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said Street should be widened at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the said Syford and to Alexander Thomas of Cambridge owner of the land that this Board intend to widen the Street before mentioned, by taking a part of the land now about to be built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public Street - and that Monday, the twenty seventh day of January at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as a time for hearing any objection which may be made thereto.

The Committee on Licenses, to

whom was referred the petition of George H. Merrick, to give a concert at the Melodeon, report, that a concert was had on Saturday evening at which the Committee and City Marshal were present. It being advertised as a "Gift Concert", it was deemed best to become acquainted with so novel a concert, by a personal observation and they have come to the conclusion that such "Gift Concerts" are seriously objectionable and ought not to receive the sanction of this Board. Mr. Grant, for Committee. Read and accepted.

Notice.

Notice.

On George P. Blake's notice of in-

tention to build corner of Fourth and P Streets. The Committee on laying out and widening Streets report on the within, that, as to the line of P Street, it is inexpedient to give it inasmuch as it may be affected by the line established for C Street which



is now in controversy; - and as to the grade of F. Street, that 19.  
all the grade at South Boston have been established & may January 20. 1851.  
be ascertained on view of the plans deposited in the Committee  
room. For the Committee. Henry Rogers Chairman. Read and ac-  
cepted.

The Committee on Burial Grounds and Cemeteries

and Cemeteries after a consultation with the City Registrar re-  
commend the appointment of the following persons as Undertakers  
for the present year. - Henry Davis, Thomas Haskell, Caleb J. Pratt.  
Ben. Faxon, William J. Butler, Franklin Smith, Richard Allen,  
John Peak, Charles Moughton, Constant J. Benson, Harum Merrill,  
and John C. Pratt. Also, John C. Fiske, Isaac C. Fiske, Lewis Jones,  
David Marden, J. H. Pierce, Ware Wilkinson, Nahum P.  
Whitney, Philip E. Field, John D. Ingersoll, Jeremiah Tinkham.

Ordered, That Mr. Cushing be Public  
appointed a member of the Committee on Public Buildings in Buildings  
place of Mr. Putnam resigned. Came up for concurrence. Read  
and concurred.

Ordered, That the Standing Com. Reservoir.  
mittee on Public Buildings be authorized, with the consent of  
the Victuallers Water Board to fit two of the arches under Beacon  
Hill Reservoir; one for an engine house, and one for a Hy-  
diant Company. Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned to Monday next four o'clock P.M.



At a meeting of the board of

January 27, 1851. Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the Twenty seventh day of January, A.D. 1851.

Present

The Mayor and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Holbrook.

City Clerk

The City Clerk made his annual report of the number of children taken care of by him, which were lost or strayed away. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Artisan

Petition of E. Torristall No. to have an alteration made in the laws and orders of the city of Boston regulating the stand of trucks &c. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Franklin

Ordered, That Aldermen Grant and Munroe be a Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Franklin Fund.

Committee

Ordered, That notice be given to the owners and abutters of estates on Hurvhill Street to lay their side walks according to law.

Street

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to take earth from J. Street, between Fourth and Fifth Streets, for the purpose of grading other street.

Whale

Ordered, That the Committee on Bridge be authorized to make such repairs on Whale Point bridge or build a new one, as they may deem expedient, and that the expense thereof be charged to the appropriation for Incidental Expense and Miscellaneous Claims.



A Communication was recd. 21.

received from Julius A. Palmer, declining to be considered a candidate for the office of a Visiter of the Boston Lunatic Hospital - January 27, 1851. which was read by the Mayor.

The board proceeded by ballot, Lunatic to the election of a Visiter of the Boston Lunatic Hospital, and the Hospital ballot being taken it appeared that Benjamin F. Allen was unanimously elected in concurrence with the Common Council.

E. S. Chesbrough, City Engineer, Engineer nominated George A. Bailey as an Assistant Engineer, for approval, which nomination was confirmed and he was appointed accordingly.

Ordered, That the joint Committee on Salaries be requested to consider and report what salary shall be paid to the Assistant of the City Engineer. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Ordered, That notice be given Wheeler to Samuel Wheeler, to lay his side walk according to law, in Washington Street, in front of a vacant lot of land owned by him, adjoining the dwelling of William H. Foster on the east.

Ordered, That the profile of the grade of Congress street, from Water to State street, made by E. S. Chesbrough, City Engineer, dated January 27, 1851, be taken and established as the grade of said street, and that the plan be deposited with the City plans. Congress Street.



Understand and no matter and appointed general Undertaker.

January 27, 1851.

Bernard Petition of Charles F. Bernard &  
John L. Emmons, in behalf of the School for Adults kept at the  
School. Motion that Charles F. Bernard and John L. Emmons be  
admitted to the joint Standing Committee on Public In-  
struction. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Watch Ordered, That the printed report  
of last year upon the Watch and Police Departments, being City  
Document No. 43 be referred to the Joint Special Committee  
having that subject now in charge. Came up for concurrence.  
Read and concurred.

Harmon The Committee on Licenses to whom  
was referred the petition of W. H. Hower, for a license for a Con-  
cert of the Harmonions, - reported, that a license be granted.  
Read and accepted.

Harmon The Committee on Steam Engines  
to whom was referred the petition of Mose and Fletcher, and  
Steam Engine of Jonathan G. Warner for leave to erect Steam Engines, report-  
ed, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read & accepted.

Harmon Report from the Secretary of the  
Directors of the House of Industry of the number of petitions to  
their Said House, in the month of December last. Came up  
from the Common Council. Read and filed.



Whereas Thomas Lyford, tenant, 23

January 27, 1861

Ennis & Co.

Morse.

has given notice to this Board of his intention to alter buildings on Barrell Street, in the said city; and, in the opinion of the Board the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said street should be widened at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, that due notice be given to George Ennis & B. G. Handman & and S. B. Morse, owners of Estates adjoining that occupied by said Lyford that the Board intend to widen the street herein mentioned by taking a part of the land owned by said parties as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street. And that Monday, the third day of February at four o'clock, P. M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objection which may be made thereto.

On the order of notice served Lyford.

on Thomas Lyford, on his notice of intention to build, returnable Barrell St. this day. And now no person appearing to object, the whole subject was referred to the Committee on laying out and widening Streets.

A communication was made Superintendent of Schools. by the Mayor, who is ex-officio Chairman of the School Committee, in relation to the appointment of a Superintendent of the Public Schools and the School Committee appointed on its part Messrs Reed, Beecher, Hearitt, Foster and Eaton. Read and thereupon ordered, that the subject be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Public Instruction, to consider and report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Nedney Fisher nominated and Auctioneer appointed an Auctioneer and his bond approved.



January 27, 1851.

Lord.

The Committee on Internal Health to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Lord, to have the drain in his house in Couch street, repaired in such a manner as to abate a nuisance, reported, that in their opinion no action is required on the same. Read and accepted.

Indenture

Indenture of apprenticeship

Indenture

Indenture of apprenticeship made and entered in public view the age of fourteen years resident in Boston, having no father, mother or guardian within the Commonwealth, binds himself, with the approbation & consent of the Mayor and Aldermen, to John Carras, of said Boston his master and tutor until the first day of January 1854 when said minor will arrive to the age of nineteen years.

Chamney.

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department requests that William L. Chamney, fireman of Engine Company No. 1 be discharged for improper conduct at a fire on the twenty third day of December last. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Appropriations

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Auditor's communication of the 9th instant have considered the subject, & have agreed to recommend to the City Council the passage of the enclosed Order for the Committee, John P. Dipol, Chairman. Ordered that the Auditor of accounts be authorized to make the following changes of existing appropriations viz: Add Fifteen thousand dollars to the Fire Department, by withdrawing ten thousand dollars from Primary Schools, and five thousand from the General Fund. Add twenty thousand dollars by withdrawing that amount from the appropriation for the purchase of Scott's Building. Add Fifteen thousand



and dollars to School Houses by withdrawing that amount from 25  
 School Building. Add down that and dollars to Incidental January 27 1881  
 Expense by withdrawing eight thousand and seven hundred  
 and three thousand from Unliquidated Claims. Add eight thous-  
 and dollars to Lamps by withdrawing that amount from Widening  
 Streets. Add Two thousand dollars to Schools by withdrawing the same  
 from the Reserved Fund. Add One thousand dollars to Sewers by  
 withdrawing that amount from Public Buildings. Report in Council  
 Council. Came up for concurrence. Ordered, That the foregoing order  
 in relation to School Building, be taken out from the City  
 and then the whole subject was recommitted to the Committee  
 on Finance. Sent down for concurrence. Came up non-concurred.  
 Reconsidered January 31<sup>st</sup> at Page 31.

The Handling Committee on City  
 the Reduction of the City Debt, respectfully report to the City Debt.  
 Council a statement of their doings, and of the City Debt as it  
 now stands. There has been charged to this Committee since the  
 1<sup>st</sup> day of May last (the commencement of the present financial year)  
 by the Auditor of Accounts, the sum of 191,935.95  
 being all the debt which has matured since the above date.  
 There has been passed to the credit of this Committee  
 in the same time, the following items, viz.

Balance of last year's account, per Auditor's Report	
No 38, page 123.	80,470.31
Receipts in Cash on 1/2 of Lands sold	12,250.36
Receipts on 1/2 of Bonds & Mortgages	23,433.95
Amount annually appropriated from the City Taxes	50,000.00
Total to Cr. of Committee	176,154.62
which shows an excess of payments over the Receipts of	15,781.33



26. which amount will be met by the current receipts on account  
 of Land Sales and Bonds and Mortgages. It also appears from  
 the Books of the Treasurer and Auditor, that the following addi-  
 tions to the City Debt have been made since the commencement  
 of the present financial year, viz: On account of Public Lands:  
 Balance of Loan of \$50,000, authorized by an Order of  
 the City Council, 15 October 1849. 15,650.  
 on account of Loan authorized 1 July 1850. 14,200.  
 on  $\frac{1}{2}$  of New Jail by an order of the 18<sup>th</sup> April 1850. 186,800  
\$ 216,650

The amount of the City Debt (exclusive of the Water  
 Debt) on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1850. was 1,731,938.79  
 Add - Increase as above - viz: 216,650.00  
1,948,588.79  
 deduct amount already paid 1,014,354.5

Amount of the City Debt 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 1850, exclusive of the Water Debt. 1,736,652.84  
 Attest: Mayor, Francis Brinley, President of the Common Council,  
 William G. Brooks, Chairman of the Committee on Finance on  
 the part of the Common Council. Read and ordered to be filed.

Read  
 Street. Whereas, pursuant to an Order  
 of this Board, passed on the twelfth day of August 1850, public  
 notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has  
 been constructed in Broad Street near Pientice's Wharf, the cost of  
 which was Four hundred dollars and thirty one cents, one  
 quarter part of which being deducted, it is paid to the said  
 City, there remains Three hundred dollar  $\frac{24}{100}$  to be charged to  
 persons benefitted by the same, according to Law: It is therefore,  
 Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto an-



needed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are 27.  
charged and assessed, with the same herein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of  
the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and  
notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. January 27 1851

Whereas, pursuant to an Order Decatur  
of this Board, passed on the fourth day of June 1850. public Street.  
notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has  
been constructed in Decatur from Meridian to Chelsea Street,  
the cost of which was Eight hundred and forty eight dollars  
and ninety two cents, one quarter part whereof being de-  
ducted, to be paid by the said City, there remain Six hun-  
-dred and forty four dollars  $\frac{19}{100}$  to be charged to persons bene-  
-fitted by the same, according to law. It is therefore, Ordered,  
that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed,  
being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged  
and assessed, with the same herein set to their respective names,  
as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer  
and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof  
given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order Staniford  
of this Board, passed on the thirteenth day of May 1850. a Com- Street  
-mon Sewer has been constructed in Staniford Street, the cost  
of which was Three hundred forty nine dollars and fifty  
eight cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid  
by the said City, there remain Two hundred and sixty six  
dollars  $\frac{19}{100}$  to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, accord-



2d. -ing to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named  
January 2<sup>d</sup> 1851 in the Schedule hereunto annexed being benefitted as aforesaid,  
be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the  
sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional  
and just part of the expense of the said Sewer and the same is or-  
dered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties afore-  
said, their tenants or lessees.

Whereas pursuant to an Order  
of this Board, passed on the ninth day of September 1850, a Com-  
mon Sewer has been constructed in East Street, the cost of which  
was Two hundred and forty two dollars and forty seven cents,  
one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said  
City, there remains one hundred and one dollars & 10 cts to be charged  
to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is there-  
fore Ordered, that the persons named in the Schedule here-  
unto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby  
are charged and assessed with the sums therein set to their  
respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the  
said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice  
thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Middlesex  
That  
Whereas, pursuant to an Order  
of this Board, passed on the twenty first day of May 1849, public  
notice thereof having first been given a Common Sewer has been  
constructed in Middlesex Street, the cost of which was Thirty four  
dollars and twenty three cents, one quarter part whereof being  
deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Twenty five  
dollars & 10 cts to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, ac-  
cording to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in



the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and 29.  
they hereby are charged and obliged, with the sum therein set January 27, 1851  
to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense  
of the said sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and  
notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order Harrison  
of this board, passed on the Ninth day of September 1851, public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been  
constructed in Harrison Avenue, the cost of which was One hun-  
dred and thirty seven dollars and two cents, one quarter part  
whereof being deducted to be paid by the said City, there remains  
One hundred and two dollars  $77/100$  to be charged to persons bene-  
fitted by the same, according to law. It is therefore, Ordered,  
that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed,  
being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged  
and obliged, with the sum therein set to their respective names  
as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and  
the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to  
the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Whereas, pursuant to Warren  
an Order of this Board, passed on the Twelfth day of August 1850, public notice thereof having first been given, a Common  
Sewer has been constructed in Warren Street the cost of which  
was Six hundred and seventy one dollars and forty six  
cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted to be paid by  
the said City, there remains Five hundred and three  $60/100$  to be  
charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law.  
It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule



30. Amounts annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they  
January 27 1851. ~~Amounts~~ are charged and assessed with the sums therein set  
to their respective names, as their proportional part of the ex-  
pense of the said Sewer and the same is ordered to be certified  
and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or  
lessees.

Genaloga. Whereas, pursuant to an Order of  
the Board passed on the twentieth day of May 1850, public notice  
having first been given, a common Sewer has been con-  
structed in Genaloga, Meridian Street and Border Streets and  
Central Square, the cost of which was Four thousand, one hundred  
and seven dollars and eighty cents, one half part whereof being  
deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Two thousand  
and eight dollars <sup>100</sup> to be charged to persons benefitted by  
the same according to law. It is therefore, Ordered, that the per-  
sons named in the schedule herunto annexed being benefitted  
aforesaid be and they hereby are charged and assessed,  
with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their  
proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same  
is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties  
aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Porter & Bremen St. Whereas, pursuant to an Order  
of the Board passed on the seventeenth day of June 1850, public  
notice having first been given, a common Sewer has  
been constructed in Porter and Bremen Streets, the cost of which  
was Two thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars & eighty  
cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid  
by the said City, there remains Two thousand, sixty three dol-  
lars to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according



to law: It is therefore, Ordered that the persons named in the said schedule herunto annexed being benefitted as aforesaid be and they hereby are charged and assessed with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be published and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of Newton  
Hud. his Board, passed on the Second day of December 1850. public notice thereof having first been given a sewer has been constructed in Newton Street the cost of which was three hundred, ninety seven Dollars and seventeen cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said city, there remain two hundred ninety seven <sup>88</sup>/<sub>100</sub> to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the Schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be published and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

The Committee on Sewers and Third St.  
Drains, report on the communication of the Superintendent, between C. and  
and be directed to revise the Schedule of Assessments and to deduct from the cost of construction on Third St. to be assumed by the city, instead of one fourth. In the Committee, William B. Bagg.  
Read and accepted.



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State  
Street.

The Committee on Sewers and Drains, report, that the within assessment be revised, and that the Superintendent of Common Sewers be, and he is hereby directed to reserve one half the cost of construction of the Common Sewer in State Street to be paid by the City. In the Committee, Billings, Briggs, Read and accepted.

The Committee on Sewers

and Drains, to whom the communication of the Superintendent of Common Sewers was referred, report, that for the reasons set forth in said communication, that the Superintendent be, & he is hereby directed in making up the assessment for the Common Sewer in First Street, to reserve one half the cost of construction, to be paid by the City. Billings, Briggs, Chairman. Read and accepted.

Swan  
Ontario,  
Colony & First  
Street.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the Eighth day of July 1850, public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in Swan, Ontario, Colony and First Streets, the cost of which was Nineteen hundred and ninety eight dollars & sixty four cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Fourteen hundred ninety eight  $\frac{93}{100}$  to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their ten-



The Committee to whom was 33.

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heard the complaint of some citizens against Capt. Barry and  
several of the City Watchmen have attended to the duty assigned them  
and submit the following report: That they have patiently  
listened to all the allegations brought forward by Mr. Barber  
and also to the statements of Capt. Barry, the Watchmen complain-  
ants and several of their associates, and are unanimously  
of opinion that the whole trouble has arisen in a misapprehen-  
sion, on the part of the complainant, of the powers and duties of  
Watchmen. From the testimony adduced your Committee are of  
opinion that the Watchmen did nothing, at the fire at Barber's  
house at the time complained of, they were not guilty, justified  
and bound to do in the faithful discharge of their duty, but that  
on the contrary the course they pursued was a judicious and  
proper one; and their care of the tenants of the burnt premises,  
highly commendable. In relation to the charges against Capt.  
Barry your Committee are of opinion that they are upon mat-  
ters so much of a semi-official character, that even if fully  
proven, without any reference to mitigating circumstances con-  
nected therewith, though always to be regretted, are not of suf-  
ficient importance to materially affect Capt. Barry as a pub-  
lic officer or to require any further action of the Board. Read  
Kimball, Chairman. Read and accepted.

Solomon Reed tenders Res.

his resignation as Freeman of Engine Company No. 1 from and March 1st  
after February 5<sup>th</sup> next. Referred to the Committee on the Fire  
Department.

Ordered, That the sum of City De-  
forty thousand dollars appropriated for the purchase of



27. reading & referred to the fund for liquidation of the City  
Debt. Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned to Friday next, four o'clock, P.M.

January 31, 1851.

At a meeting of the board of  
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall  
on Friday the thirty first day of January, Anno Domini, 1851.  
Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Appropriations.

The Order making transfers  
of certain appropriations passed this board with certain amend-  
ments:— Came up nonconcurred by the Common Council. —  
Read again and this board recedes from its former vote pass-  
ed 27<sup>th</sup> instant, and concurs with the Common Council in  
the passage of said order.



Lighton and Tugle Lighton, were appointed officers with authority to make complaints against truants and absences from School, under the Ordinance of the City adopted October 21. 1850.

Adjourned to Monday February 3<sup>d</sup> 1851 four o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the board of  
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall  
on Monday the Third day of February, Anno Domini, 1851  
Present

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Ordered, That a joint Special Committee be appointed to ascertain the qualifications and the fitness of the members of the present board of Engineers of the Department to perform the duties incumbent upon them and to obtain such information respecting the charge of unfitness for the office of Engineer or Engineers as may exist, or which have been publicly made against said board, or any member thereof, and report the result of their investigation to the City Council. Passed in Common Council and Messrs Wright, Jones and Plumer were appointed on said Committee on the part of that board. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred. and Aldermen Holbrook and Smith, were appointed on the part of this board.



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Perkins

Agar

The following petitions to the Legislature and the order of notice thereon, were read and agreed to by the City Solicitor. - of Samuel S. Perkins, and others, for leave to construct and make, and open for public travel a street or bridge from Boston to South Boston, at least one hundred feet wide, free of toll, over Fore point channel. - Also the petition of Cyrus Agar, and others, proprietors in South Bay in Boston Harbor, to be restored to their property in the flats appurtenant to their upland by the removal of the "Tenth line" so called, drawn in said Bay, or that the Commonwealth will pay them a just compensation for the flats and rights taken and abridged by the establishment of said 10<sup>th</sup> line.

Midland

Midland

Petition of the President and Directors of the Midland Rail Road Company, for leave to locate their road from South Boston to Boston proper to cross Fore point Channel, to the Legislature and the order of notice thereon. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Street

Street

Ordered That the City Engineer be directed to notify the owners and abutters on Haverhill Street to cause, according to law, to be paved their side walks with brick or flat stones and to cause the footway to be improved.

Grant

Petition of Michael Grant, for leave to remove a wooden building from South to Swan Street. Referred to the Committee on Laying.

Hill

Petition of John A. Hill, for leave to place wooden steps at his shop and cart shed. Ref<sup>d</sup> to the Com<sup>tee</sup> on Laying.



Lumber made his annual report of lumber surveyed by his Deputies Read and referred to Aldermen Biggs and Smith, with such as the Common Council may join. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, and the Common Council joined on its part Messrs. Hurl, Brewster and Chapin.

March 1751  
Lumber

Petition of Benjamin Sane and James Allen, to have First street accepted and opened for public travel from A. to E. streets. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Haroline Safford's claim against the City, for injury done her in falling into a hole or cellar in Hurley street. Referred to the Committee on Towing.

Buckley and Buncroft licensed as Auctioneers, and their bond approved.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Common Sewers be and he is hereby directed in making up the alignment for conveying the common sewer in the passage way leading from Cross to Richmond street and thence to the outlet, to assume one half the cost of construction to be paid by the City of Boston, instead of one fourth.

Cross St.  
Richmond  
street.

The Superintendent of Sewers and Drains exhibited the call of constructing a common sewer in First street, from Turnpike to A. street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

First



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The Superintendent of Sewers and

Grains submitted the revised assignment for a common sewer in Third street, from E. to Dorchester street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Grains.

Read

The Superintendent of Sewers and

Grains submitted the revised assignment for a common sewer on State street east of Merchant's Row. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Grains.

North free  
bridge

Agreeably to assignment the board proceeded by ballot to the election of the Superintendent of the North free bridge, and the vote being taken it appeared that Samuel Jenkins was unanimously re-elected. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

South free  
bridge

Agreeably to assignment the board proceeded by ballot to the election of Superintendent of the South free bridge, and the votes being taken, it appeared that Abner J. Gaffield was unanimously re-elected. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Inspector  
of Prisons

Report of the Inspectors of Prisons of the County of Suffolk on the House of Correction and House of Reformation, Women Lunatic Hospital, and House of Industry. Laid on the Table.

Thy weigher

The Thy weigher of the Northern Scales made his quarterly report of moneys received by him & paid into the Treasury for the last quarter, ending the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January last. Read and sent down.

Sullivan

On the application of Patrick Sullivan to be licensed as an Auctioneer, the Com<sup>rs</sup> on Licenses, reported that he have leave to withdraw his petition. Read & accepted.



Petition of Charles Jenkins, who 39 February 3 1851

has been discharged from the Lydian Company. Pet. requesting  
that he may have a hearing. Referred to the Committee on the  
Fire Department

The City Clerk made his quar- City Clerk  
terly report of moneys received by him in his said capacity  
the last quarter ending the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January last, and paid  
into the City Treasury. Read and sent down.

Ordered, That the Directors of the Deer Island  
House of Industry and Reformation, be and they are hereby  
authorized and requested to get up suitable apartment in  
some one of the City Buildings on Deer Island, for the receipt  
and instruction, employment and reformation of female ju-  
venile offenders, under the act passed March 4, 1826, entitled  
"An act concerning juvenile offenders." Sent down for concurrence.  
Came up concurred.

Petition of W. C. Tyler and others, Tyler  
to have lamps placed and lighted in London, Liverpool, &c.  
and Premises streets, and of Samuel Hall, and others,  
to have Kensington Street better lighted. Referred to the Commit-  
tee on Lamps.

Ordered, That a Joint Special Gas Light  
committee be appointed to consider the expediency of purchasing  
the franchise of the Boston Gas Light Company, or of making  
some other arrangement by which the citizens may be furnish-  
ed with gas light at a cheaper rate than at present; And  
Aldermen Kimball and Mumroe were appointed on the part  
of this board. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.



140 and the common Council joined on it. *Sept. Irving Kim.*  
February 3. 1851. - ball and Washburn.

Beacon Hill

Ordered That the subject matter con-

cerning the within order of January 20<sup>th</sup> 1851. be referred to the  
Committee on Public Buildings with instructions to confer with  
the Cochituate Water board, and the board of Engineers of the Fire  
Department and report a plan and estimate for the accommo-  
-dation of an Engine on Beacon Hill. Passed in Common Coun-  
-cil. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Appropriations

Ordered, That whenever the several

committees of the government shall have expended the sum  
-amounts assigned for their use in the appropriation bill of each  
year and shall require further amounts, it shall be their  
duty to report the fact to the City Council accompanied with a  
detailed statement of the causes which have led to such a result  
and the object for which said sum is needed; and no transfer  
of moneys, appropriated to one object in the appropriation bill  
shall be ordered or allowed to be transferred to another until  
such a report has been received and considered. Sent down for  
concurrence. Came up concurred.

Carrriages &c.

The Committee on Licenses report

at the following licenses for approval, viz: Wagons, handcars,  
hackney carriages, and Hackney carriages and wagon licenses  
to be transferred. Report accepted. See book in City Marshal's office.

Dinnic

On the order of notice to Dinnic and

Russell H. others, on a notice of intention to build on Barrett Street, by Thomas  
Lyford, - no person appearing to object, the same was read and filed.



Whereas Thomas Lyford has <sup>11</sup>February 1830  
given notice to this Board of his intention to repair buildings on  
Barnett Street in the said city; and, in the opinion of the said Board, for  
the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the  
said street should be widened at the place described in the  
said notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given  
to Robert Knox owner and Wight and Gilson (Henry V. Gilson  
agent of estate adjoining and occupied by said Lyford that  
the Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by lay-  
ing a part of the land now about to be improved as aforesaid,  
and laying out the same as a public street: and that Mon-  
day, the tenth day of February current at four o'clock, P.M., is  
assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be  
made thereto.

Whereas a certain street or way <sup>London</sup>  
has been opened in this city from Maverick Street to Porter <sup>Street.</sup>  
Street, over private land, by the owners thereof, and dedicated to,  
and permitted to be used by, the public, which said street or way  
commonly called London Street, has not been accepted & laid  
out according to law, and whereas the owners of the lots abutting  
on the said street or way, by an order of this Board, passed on  
the twenty first day of May 1830 were notified to grade the said  
street or way within twenty days from the passage of said order  
according to a plan made by William F. Barrett, and deposited  
with the city plans in the City Hall and whereas the said owners  
of such abutting lots after due notice of said order have neglect-  
ed or refused to grade such street or way in manner aforesaid:  
Ordered, That the said street or way be graded pursuant accord-  
ing to the said plan, under the direction of Thomas Huntington



42. Superintendent of Streets and that the said Superintendent keep an accurate account of the expense thereby, and report to this Board an estimate of the value of the lots abutting on the said Street or way, to the end that the expense may be equitably assessed upon the owners of such abutting lots.

Police  
& Watchmen The following persons were each of them nominated and appointed Police men and Watchmen, viz. Arnold C. Williams, James H. Howard, John F. Lynch, Charles D. Barlow, John F. Sence, George C. Curre, James L. Jackson, William H. Jackson, Nathaniel H. Hammond and Edward J. Kinnaird John C. Warren, John F. Walker, Abel Bradshaw.

Franklin  
Fund. The Committee of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen appointed to examine the account of William Alinot, Esquire Treasurer of the Franklin Fund, have attended to that duty and report that they find the same to be correct and properly vouched, and the estimated value of the Fund to be as stated in the within account \$28,000.25. Resolved. That same be accepted.

Alinot.  
Williams & Co. Ordered, That the Mayor & Aldermen be and they are hereby authorized to restrain the sale by Alinot of any goods, wares or merchandise, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of the Legislature of the Commonwealth passed on the sixteenth day of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty six entitled "An Act concerning Hawkers & Peddlers." To be read in Common Council come up for concurrence. Read & concurred.

Alinot.  
Williams & Co. Ordered, That no person under the age of twenty-one years shall go about selling or exposing to



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in the sale of Boston and fruit, confectionaries or provisions  
whatever, live animals, brooms, agricultural implements, fuel, maps  
papers books or pamphlets, agricultural products of the United States,  
the product of his own labor, or any labor of his own family, without  
license from the Board and Aldermen, in accordance with an Act  
of the Legislature of this Commonwealth passed April 10 1830 entitled  
an Act concerning Hawkers and Pedlars. Ordered, That no minor  
shall be licensed, except upon the application of his parent, guardian,  
or next friend. Ordered, That no minor shall be licensed, except by a  
special vote of this Board, unless he shall have attended school at  
least three months in the twelve months next preceding, in the man-  
ner provided for in an Act passed 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1830 entitled  
an Act for the better instruction of children in manufacturing occu-  
pations. Ordered, That all licenses shall specify the articles to  
be sold, and the time and place of selling them. Ordered, That  
any violation of the laws of the State, the ordinances of the City,  
or any special conditions inserted in the certificate of license,  
shall operate as a forfeiture of said license - the same to be  
annulled, on proof to this board. Ordered, That no license shall  
be granted to minors for the sale of any fruits or provisions whatever, live  
animals, brooms, agricultural implements, fuel, maps, papers, books  
or pamphlets, Agricultural Products of the United States, the prod-  
ucts of his own labor, or any labor of his own family, for which li-  
censes are by law required to be granted by this board, shall  
be granted upon the following terms and conditions which shall  
be inserted in the certificate with such other conditions and  
regulations as this board may deem expedient. viz: 1. That each  
minor licensed by the board of Aldermen, shall at all times  
when on his stand, wear a leather badge upon his hat or cap with the



14. word "Licensed" in brass and polished letters, (of not less than one inch in size fastened thereon. 2. That no minor so licensed shall sell any articles for which he may be licensed at any other time or in any other place than that mentioned in his license. 3. That minors so licensed shall not during the hours mentioned in their licenses congregate together, make any loud noise or in any other way disturb or annoy people as they pass. 4. That all licenses granted shall be for a definite period, and all licenses which are not for a shorter period shall terminate at the expiration of the Municipal year, on the first day of January in each successive year, and all licenses which are not expressed for a shorter period shall extend to the close of the Municipal year. 5. That the violation of the laws of the State, the ordinances of the City, or the terms of and conditions herein prescribed or which may hereafter be prescribed shall operate as a forfeiture of this license to be annulled upon proof of the same to the Board. 6. That each minor so licensed shall carry his license with him, and present the same to any officer of the City for inspection, when required to do so and the same shall not be transferred, exchanged, borrowed or lent, on pain of forfeiture thereof.

Streets. Ordered, That the City Engineer, Parsons, with such assistants as he may require, be instructed, under the direction of the Committee on Paving and Repair of Streets, to examine the several Streets of the City, and report the names of such as, in his opinion, will require to be paved or repaired during the next financial year, accompanied with a prospective line for widening and as far as possible a line of grade for the entire street and a detailed estimate of the cost of paving and repairing



each of the same, so that the Board may be able to determine what  
appropriation will be required for the use of the Survey Department. February 1851  
Read and laid upon the Table.

Ordered, That a Committee of <sup>A.</sup> Secret  
three on the part of the Common Council, with such of the Aldermen & Aldermen  
Aldermen may <sup>be</sup> appointed to consider whether and under  
as orders or resolutions can under the provisions of the City Charter  
be passed by the Mayor and Aldermen in secret session and sent  
to this board for concurrence. And Messrs Crane, Erving and Gardner  
were appointed said Committee on the part of the board of Common  
Council. Adopted in Common Council. Came up for concurrence.  
Read and concurred with the following amendment, vizt. Strike  
out from A. to B. Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned to Thursday next, four o'clock, P. M.

At a meeting of the board of Mayor  
and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Thursday  
the Sixth day of February, Anno Domini, 1851.

Present

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.



February 6, 1851. 46.

Board of  
Police

Resolved, That in the opinion  
of this Board all Special Police Officers should be under the  
immediate direction of the Police department.

City Marshal

Ordered, That the City Marshal be  
instructed to perform no police service out of the limits of the City,  
unless by express direction of the Mayor.

Anne St.

Lamps

Ordered, That the Mayor be  
requested, as Chairman of the Committee on Lamps, to see what  
measures can be taken to light Anne Street with gas.

Cellars in

Anne St.

Ordered That the City Marshal  
be instructed to report to this board all cellars in Anne Street,  
the floors of which are covered with water or damp and are  
unfit for habitation.

City Marshal

Amplified

Ordered, That the City Marshal,  
under the instruction of the Mayor, make complaint under the  
Statute, against all vagabonds, rogues, common pipers & peddlers,  
lewd, wanton and lascivious persons found in Anne Street.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the board of 117.

Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on February 10 1831.  
Monday the Tenth day of February Anno Domini 1831.

Present

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

A precept from the Speaker Precept

of the House of Representatives requiring the Mayor and Aldermen to election  
forthwith, in the manner required by law, to cause the qualified  
voters of said City to assemble at such time and place, as they  
shall appoint there and there if they see fit, to elect one person  
duly qualified, to represent them in the General Court of the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts now in session, in the place of  
John Spence, jun<sup>r</sup> deceased. And and therefore Ordered, That  
warrants be issued for meetings of the legal voters of the City of  
Boston as aforesaid in their several wards on Thursday next  
the thirteenth day of February, instant, at twelve o'clock M. then  
and there to elect one person duly qualified to represent them in  
the General Court as above described. The poll to be kept open un-  
til four o'clock, P.M.

vacant.

Petition of Edward Brooks, and Brooks

and for the extension of Winson Street from Faneuil to Court Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of John Gore, and others, Gore

to have Barrett Street widened upon a prospective plan. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of A. G. Howe, that he may Four

be furnished with the record of land of Fifth Street between D. & E. streets. Referred to the Committee on Streets.



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Petition of Isaac T. Allard, and others of Roxbury to the Legislature and the order of notice thereon, returned to have the line between Roxbury and Boston altered so as to include within the limits of Boston, the easterly or lower part of Roxbury and that a Committee may be appointed to hear the parties. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Rugg. The following petitions to the Legislature and the orders of notice thereon viz: Eleazar Rugg and others, that commissioners may be appointed for land in the County of Suffolk. - and the City of Roxbury, to have an act passed which was passed the third day of May last, selling off a portion of Roxbury to Boston. Referred to the City Solicitor.

City Engineer. Memorial of E. F. Winchbrough City Engineer respecting grading the Street. Laid on the Table.

Brown. Petition of Emilyus S. Brown and others to have a camp placed and sighted in Court House. Referred to the Committee on Camps.

Alexander. Petition of Lucius D. Alexander to be restored to his former stand in the Market. Referred to the Committee on the Market.

City Registrar. The City Registrar rendered his quarterly account ending 31<sup>st</sup> of December last, amounting to \$815.25. - Came up from the Common Council. Read and filed, and ordered to be printed.

Auditor. The Auditor of Accounts' quarterly report to the last day of January last, amounting to \$1408.92. Came up from the Common Council. Read and filed.

The Committee on Sewers & Drains, to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth Davis, for leave to drain into the common sewer in Fifth Street, free of expense, reported that the prayer of the petitioner be granted. Read & accepted. 149 February 10. 1851.

The Committee on Sewers & Drains, to whom was referred the petition of Nathaniel Waterman, to have a drain laid from Court Street through Battle Street, reported, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition. Read and accepted.

Petition of E. W. Cushing, & others, to be exempted from the payment of any money for laying a common sewer in Saratoga Street, they receiving no benefit from the same. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains. Cushing

The Superintendent of Common Sewers presented the statement for constructing the common sewer in the passage way leading from Cross to Richmond Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains. Cross Street.

David Chamberlain resigns as foreman of Hydrant Co. No. 2, after March 1st next. Charles Taylor resigns his office of Clerk of Engine Co. No. 10. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department. Chamberlain. Taylor

Complaint against the appointment of Charles D. Kimball as a member of Hydrant Company No. 1. and complaint of the Engineers against William Larkin a foreman of Hydrant Company No. 1. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department. Kimball. Larkin





they offer an order for the assessing and collection of the amount 51.

To the Committee on the Board of Public Works, pursuant to an Order February 10, 1851  
of this Board, passed on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 1850, notice  
thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been con-  
structed in Third Street from Dorchester to C. Street, the cost of  
which was Twenty one hundred forty two dollars and fifty five  
cents, one third part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the  
said City, there remain fourteen hundred twenty eight dollars  
and 36 cts. to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law.  
It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the Schedule  
hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they  
herby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set  
to their respective names, as their proportional part of the ex-  
pense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be cer-  
tified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their  
tenants or lessees. Read, accepted and the order passed.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of  
of this Board, passed on the twelfth day of August 1850, notice  
thereof having first been given a Common Sewer has  
been constructed in First Street from Turnpike to A. Street, the  
cost of which was fourteen hundred and ten dollars & twenty  
eight cents, one half part whereof being deducted, to be paid  
by the said City there remain Seven hundred and five dol-  
lars & 100 cts. to be charged to persons benefitted by the same ac-  
cording to law. It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named  
in the Schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid,  
be and they herby are charged and assessed, with the sums  
therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part



of the report of the said Board, and the same is ordered to be  
revised and such things given to the parties aforesaid, their accounts  
or copies.

Book of  
Council

The Clerk of Faneuil Hall Mar-  
ket presented his quarterly report of money received to him in  
his said capacity and paid into the City Treasury for the quar-  
ter ending January 31<sup>st</sup> 1851. Read and ordered to be printed.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P. M.

February 14, 1851.

At a Special meeting of the board  
of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City  
Hall on Friday the Fourteenth day of February, Anno Domini 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Hunt and  
Clark.

Representative

The proceeded to examine the returns  
of votes in the several wards for a Representative to the Gener-  
al Court from the City of Boston, and found them as recorded  
in the book kept for that purpose, it appears that J. Thomas  
Stevenson had a majority of votes, and he was duly elected

a Representative as a reward in place of John Spence, Sumner, 53  
deceased. Ordered, That certificates be made out and signed by  
the Mayor and a quorum of the Aldermen, and attested by  
the City Clerk and delivered by a Constable according to law.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the board of February 17. 1851.  
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on  
Monday the seventeenth day of February, Anno Domini, 1851.  
Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Kimball.

The appointment of fence view fence  
men and other officers were read, and in motion the same were referred  
to Aldermen Munroe and Smith.

Petition of Thomas Watson, & others, Billerica  
to have Billerica accepted and paved. Referred to the Committee on  
Committee on Streets.

Petition of Elijah Stearns, and Stearns  
& others, to have the pane upon the Pine Church on Fenway Street  
oiled or greased. Referred to the Committee on Burial Grounds.

Petition of Isaac B. Loud to be paid.  
remunerated for the damage he sustained in aiding a City  
Watchman, in consequence of which he received great bodily



54. injury. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

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Washington

that

The Superintendent of Common Sewers exhibited the cost of construction of common sewer in Washington street, from Capitol to Common street. - Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Congress

street.

The Superintendent of Common Sewers exhibited the cost of construction of common sewer in Congress street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Gavis's

sewer

The Committee on Sewers and Drains, to whom was referred the petition of the heirs of Sarah Gavis for an abatement of an assessment for the construction of a common sewer in Washington street, reported that no further action is necessary thereon. Read & accepted.

Hatch

Ordered, That the collection of the amount assessed upon the estate of the heirs of Labry Hatch for their proportional part of the cost of constructing the common sewer in East street, &c and the same is hereby postponed until an entry shall have been made into said common sewer from their estate.

Read.

Petition of Adam Bent, and others, of South Boston for an engine house, Engine and apparatus at South Boston. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Hunt.

Kidder

John S. Hunt, resigns as assistant foreman of Department Co. No. 2. Geo. D. Kidder, resigns as foreman of engine Co. No. 2 to take place in first of March. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Road Company by its President, E. J. Neal, to the Legislature, and the order of notice thereon to have an Act extended one year, for leave to construct a road from North Chelsea through Chelsea &c. Referred to the City Solicitor.

Notice from the Overseers of the Poor, that a vacancy exists in their board, by the non-acceptance of the member elected from Ward V. S. Neal and thereupon ordered that a warrant issue for a meeting of those qualified as the law directs to be held at their ward room, Lancaster street on Thursday next, the 20<sup>th</sup> instant, at 12 o'clock M. then and there to give in their ballots, for a member of the board of Overseers, to supply the vacancy above mentioned. The poll to be kept open until five o'clock, P.M.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the petition of John Lee, and others, who have Barrell Street widened on a prospective plan, reported that no further action is required on the same. Read and accepted.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Cyrus Alger, and others, to have First street laid out and accepted, reported, that no action of the City can be had in relation to the subjects contained in said petition. Read and accepted.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of J. G. Howe, that he may be furnished with the levels of part of Sixth street, between G & H streets, reported that no further action is required on the same. Read and accepted.



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Report from the Directors of the House

of Industry of the number of Slaves admitted the last month. Came up from Common Council. Read and filed.

Grant.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Michael Grant, for leave to move a wooden building from Fourth street to Swan street, reported, that the same ought to be granted, on condition that all damages caused by the removal shall be chargeable to the petitioner. Read & accepted.

Ward.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of S. D. Ward, for leave to open a cellar door through the sidewalk N. 13 lot, reported, that leave be granted on condition that it is used for no other purpose than asked for, and according to law. Read and accepted.

Belcher.

Petition of Joseph Belcher to the Legislature, with the order thereon, for leave to extend his wharf to the Commissioners line, at East Boston. Referred to the City Solicitor.

City Hall.

The joint Special committee on making additions to City Hall, made a report, which was laid upon the Table.

Spence.

Resolves respecting the death of Doctor John Spence, Jun<sup>r</sup> member elect from the City of Boston to the present Legislature, were received from the House of Representatives and read on the Stage and he addressed the crowd in relation to this sad event. Thereupon, ordered, that these resolves be placed on file.

The Committee on the Harbour, 57  
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to whom was referred the petition of Stephen Francis complaining of the Harbour Master's conduct in the removal of coals from some point which he designates, and charges the costs of such removal, to each vessel; - Reported, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

The Committee on laying out Midland and widening Streets, to whom was referred the petition of the Rail Road. Midland Rail Road Company for leave to locate their road from South Boston to Boston proper, to cross Fore Point channel; - reported, that the same ought to be referred to the joint Committee on the Harbour. Read, accepted and agreed accordingly. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Thomas Hunting was nominated Superintendent of Streets. Read, accepted by a unanimous vote. Superintendent of Streets. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

The report of the City Marshal Anne as to the condition of certain cellars in Anne street having been read, it was Ordered, That the Mayor and Alderman Rogers, be a Committee to address the owners in respect to the same.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the twenty ninth day of October 1850, a Common Sewer has been constructed in the passageway from Cross Street to Richmond Street, and thence to the outlet, the cost of which was Twenty five hundred and sixty five dollars and sixty two cents one half, part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said



58. city, there remains Twelve hundred and eighty two dollars  $\frac{81}{100}$   
It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the Schedule hereto  
unto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby  
are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their re-  
spective names as their proportional part of the expense of the  
said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice  
thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Primary  
School  
District No. 2

The Joint Standing Committee  
on Public Buildings, to whom was referred an order of the City  
Council, passed September 23<sup>rd</sup> 1890, authorizing them to purchase a  
lot of land, and erect a Primary School house thereon for District  
No. 2. Report that they have purchased a piece of land for that  
purpose of the late Methodist Episcopal Society in rear of their  
church on Hancock Street, containing about Twenty three hundred  
feet, for Five thousand dollars, and have caused to be made  
plans and estimates for the erection of a building thereon, which  
will cost when completed Five thousand three hundred and fifty  
one dollars, but as there is no balance now remaining of the  
appropriation for Primary School House, the Committee would  
therefore ask that they may be authorized to contract for the  
erection of the building and the cost be provided for in the next  
appropriation bill as there is great need of further accommo-  
dations for School rooms in this District. If the Committee should  
be authorized to make the contract now, it would enable them  
to have the building finished early in the summer, other-  
wise should they wait until May before they commence, the  
building would not be finished until fall. As they would not

make any payments until a new appropriation should be 59.  
made for that purpose. The committee then would recommend the passage of the following order. For the committee, Billings, Briggs, Chairman. Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on Public Buildings be and they are hereby authorized to contract for the erection of a Primary School House on a lot of land purchased for the use for that purpose in the rear of the First Methodist Episcopal Church on Fenwick Street, and that provision be made in the next appropriation bill for the cost of the same. Read, accepted and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

The Committee on Licenses, to Walker  
whom was referred the petition of Edward L. Walker, for a license for six Operatic representations at the Federal Street Theatre, Report that a license be granted the petitioner on condition of having to pay Police and twenty five dollars per week. It Grant for Committee. Read and accepted.

Whereas the order of the City Council of 1854  
authorizing the Committee on Public Lands to convey a lot of land on Rutland Street to the Association for the relief of aged Indigent Females, as passed December 23<sup>d</sup> last, was intended to give said Committee power to make said conveyance on the same conditions as were contained in the deed of the City to the Childrens Friend Society, it is therefore, Ordered, that the Order of the City Council above referred to, be and the same hereby is rescinded; also, Ordered, that the Committee on Public Lands be authorized to convey to the "Association for the relief of aged Indigent females", and that they receive a lot of land on Rutland Street, numbered as lots 341, 342, 343 and 344.



60 on city plan, on the same conditions, however, that were con-  
curred in the deed of land of the City to the Children's Friend  
Society, said condition being that brick buildings shall be  
erected on said land, and, if the said Society shall find it  
necessary to remove from said land, that they shall pay to  
the City fifty cents per foot for all the land conveyed to said So-  
ciety. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Harbour

Master

The Committee to whom was refer-  
red the petition of George F. Furbush, Harbour Master, that a fee  
be paid upon each vessel arriving in the Harbour of Boston, and  
for that purpose to petition the Legislature in aid of his petition,  
reported, that it is inexpedient to take any action thereon at  
present. Read and accepted.

Deer Island

Alms-house.

The Joint Standing Committee of  
the City Council to whom was referred the Memorial of the Director  
of the House of Industry, in relation to furnishing Iron Bedsteads  
for the New Almshouse on Deer Island, have attended to the sub-  
ject and report the accompanying order. For the Committee, John M.  
Wright. Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized to borrow  
under the direction of the Committee on Finance the sum of  
twelve thousand dollars, for the purpose of providing furniture for  
the New Almshouse at Deer Island, and that the same be plac-  
ed at the disposal of the Director of the House of Industry. In  
Common Council, Feb<sup>y</sup> 43. Yeas, none. Came up for con-  
currence. Read and concurred. On the question of passing the  
above order, the Yeas and Nays being required by a rule of  
the City Council, were taken, as follows, viz: Yeas The Mayor, Alder-  
men Rogers, Briggs, Grant, Munroe, Clark, and Smith - 7. Nays, none.

Petitions of Royal Lovejoy, & others, 61  
and Robert Burden and others, respecting the surveying of human life -  
had and referred to the joint Special Committee on that subject. Considered.  
Sent down for concurrence.

Whereas it is highly desirable that the Cochituate Water Board should eventually have the care and custody of all bills for expenditures by them, in order that they may, from time to time, refer to the same as occasion requires: - therefore - Ordered, that all bills for expenditures by the Cochituate Water Board, after the same shall have been examined by the Auditor, approved by the Committee of Accounts, and paid by the Treasurer, shall be returned by the Auditor to the Office of the said Board, where the same shall finally be deposited. Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned to 12 o'clock, M. tomorrow.

At a meeting of the board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Tuesday the eighteenth day of February Anno Domini 1851.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Grant and Kimball.



February 18, 1851.  
62.  
Nob.

Whereas this Board has learned with deep regret that the integrity of the laws and the dignity of the Commonwealth and city have been greatly impaired by the forcible rescue and abduction of a prisoner from the hands of an Officer of the United States, who had him in legal custody; therefore it is Ordered, that the City Marshal, under the instructions of the Mayor, be directed whenever he shall be properly informed by any public officer of this State or the United States, that there is danger that he shall be unlawfully obstructed in the performance of his official duties by a Mob and that he needs assistance immediately to repair to the place where it is apprehended said riot will be had, and there, faithfully & truly with the whole police force under his control, use the same, in the most energetic manner possible, in support of the laws and the maintenance of the public peace. Passed unanimously.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the twenty fourth day of February Anno Domini 1851.  
Present

The Mayor and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Clark

Petition of Jacob I. Savage, to have 63.  
February 24 1851.

a common sewer laid in Throckmold Street. Referred to the committee on Sewers and Drains.

Ordered, That the joint standing committee on Public Instruction be and they are hereby instructed to confer with the Grammar School board on the subject of a Superintendent of Public Schools. Referred in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Common Sewers be, and he is hereby directed, to cause a suitable drain to be laid from lot N<sup>o</sup> 126 on the corner of Harve & Meridian streets, to connect with the common sewer in Secatur street, for the purpose of draining said lot.

Order of the Common Council, appointing Messrs Gardner, Bean and Lawrence with such as the board of Mayor and Aldermen might join, a Joint Special Committee to consider the expediency of purchasing the only original portrait known to be in existence of the patriot and soldier ofunker Hill, General Hugh Warren, which portrait is now and always has been in the possession of his descendants; and of having the same placed in Faneuil Hall under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and Aldermen Rogers & Kimball were joined.

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries of the City and County Officers be allowed to report in print. Referred in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.



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Barry

Petition of Thomas Barry, and others,  
for a license to give a theatrical exhibition at the National Theatre. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Fire  
Harms

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings take into consideration, in consultation with the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department the expediency of starting a uniform system of fire alarms, and report thereon to the City Council. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Aye and concurred.

City Hall.

Ordered, That the Committee on the enlargement of the City Hall, be authorized to offer a premium of one hundred dollars, for the best plan, that may be offered within fourteen days, for such enlargement. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Barrett

Petition of E. T. Barrett, to be paid the damage he sustained in falling into a cellar in Fish Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Lunatic  
Hospital

The board of Visitors of the Boston Lunatic Hospital submitted rules and regulations for the government of the Hospital, which have been adopted by them for the present year. Read and approved. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Watchmen

The following persons were nominated and appointed Watchmen, vizt: Nathaniel C. Decker, Abel S. Stevens, James W. Murdough, N. C. Shell, George G. Handy, Silas Harmon, George W. White, Samuel A. Levy, William Hay, Samuel A. Wentworth, John W. Mason, Amos Thine, Henry Fanger, George Thence, Eliza Thompson, Samuel A. Leonard, John L. Gorman.

Petition of Hiram Plummer and 65.

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Sheweth that the Legislature with the order of notice signed to the City Solicitor.

Communication from the City Whiting  
Marmal in regard of Richard J. Whiting, a Police Officer, who has  
having been rendered against him, for the false imprisonment  
of a boy named Connor. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

The following petitions to the Leg. Al Ray.  
signature and address thereon, were referred to the City Solicitor, viz. John May 6.  
Donald Al Ray, John May Company, Noah Sturdevant, John H. Sturdevant.  
Damon, and others, for leave to extend their respective wharves. Damon.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor City  
be requested to petition the Legislature for such an amendment Chapter  
of Section 31. of the City Charter as will abrogate the following -  
And neither the Mayor, nor any Alderman, or member of the  
Common Council, shall at the same time hold any other office  
under the City government." Read and referred to the City Solicitor.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor Numbering  
be requested to petition the Legislature for power to number the buildings  
buildings in Streets and to compel the use of the numbers as fixed  
upon by such power. Read and referred to the City Solicitor.

Writ of James Parker vs. City of Parker.  
Boston - to be reimbursed the amount of money paid by him for  
taxes, he being an inhabitant of New York. Referred to the City  
Solicitor.



February 24. 1851.

February 24, 1851. <sup>00</sup> Ordered that the plan of the  
Marshall grade & Marshall road shown by C. S. Chestrough, City Engineer  
shall be and the same is hereby approved as the true grade of said  
road.

Hum.

Petition of Stephen M. Allen, to be re-

increased the damage he has sustained in consequence of laying the water pipes through Tremont Street near Roxbury line. Referred to the Water board.

Hammond

Petition of Edward Hammond, and

others to have their damages assessed against the City, for taking  
their land agreeably to an Act for supplying the City with pure  
water. Referred to the Water board.

if  
fence view

Ordered, That the persons herein

Culler, & Dry after named be and they are hereby appointed to the respective  
 offices of the office of justice viz: Romanus Emerson and Elihu Kurland  
 inspectors of time piece repair; Benjamin Luckis & Benjamin Abraham, clerks of  
 the court; Benjamin Abraham and John Kurland, clerks of the  
 court; Isaac & David, Not Public & Robert & John Inspectors of time; Isaac  
 & David, Not Public & John & Henry, Timothy & John, Thomas  
 Gerrish and David Briggs, field drivers & pound keepers Sent  
 down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Lumber

The Joint Special Committee to

When we report the return of the Surveyor General of Lumber  
as General and a letter from General Bullard and Surveyor General, suggest-  
ing modifications in the Ordinance regulating the survey of Lumber  
in this territory, under the following Report, and the Committee  
have had the subject, of revising the Ordinance, under consider-  
ation at a meeting when many dealers and others interested

in the subject were present - A considerable discussion was had and by  
different opinions were expressed as to the expediency of amending <sup>February 27 1851</sup>  
the laws regulating the survey of Lumber. The subject was then  
referred to a Sub Committee who were directed to report at a future  
meeting, such amendments in the existing laws as might seem  
desirable. At the next meeting said Sub Committee made a report  
covering a draft of an Ordinance which was submitted to a  
considerable number of Dealers in Lumber, who were present by  
invitation, to ascertain their views as to the expediency of altering  
the Ordinance, as proposed by the Sub Committee, and a lengthy  
discussion was elicited thereon, which resulted in a marked differ-  
ence of opinion as to the expediency of effecting the proposed al-  
terations. Your Committee understand that the power, which has  
been delegated to the City Council by the Legislature, is intended  
to enable said Council to make such Ordinances as may best  
subserve the interest of those interested in the survey of Lumber -  
And as your Committee cannot arrive at an expression of opin-  
ion on the part of those parties most interested in the subject,  
indicating a desire for essential modifications in the laws, at  
the present time, they would therefore recommend that no change  
be made in the existing Ordinance. Billings Briggs, Chairman.  
Accepted in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and  
concurred.

Application of Francis Bullard, Bullard  
Surveyor General of Lumber, for re-appointment, recommended by  
Pondiff & Co. and other dealers in lumber. Read and concurred.

The Committee on Licenses to whom was  
referred the petition of George Hill City Clerk for compensation for



to the order in taking care of lost children agreed the following  
order as Federal Court then he paid a George Hill City Clerk the  
sum of Five hundred dollars per annum, in quarterly payments, com-  
mencing January 1. 1851. for remuneration in cases of lost children  
provided for by him and as paid the last year. read, accepted  
and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Auctioneer

Thistram B. Mackay licensed as an  
Auctioneer, on giving bonds as the law directs.

Carriages.

The following licenses &c. were passed  
agreeably to the report of the Committee on Licenses viz: hand carts  
No 221 224. Trucks and wagons to be transferred No 372 1491. 521.  
001 039. 641. 913. 944. 964. 1006 1125. 1252. Hackney Carriages licensed  
to be transferred, No 100. 363. 345

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the board of Mayor  
and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Mon-  
day the Third day of March, Anno Domini, 1851.

Present

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

The board of Assessors trans- 69 March 3, 1851.  
 mitted a list of abatements of taxes, assessed within the City of Bos- Taxes  
 ton for the year 1850. Read and sent down. abated.

The Assessors transmitted a list Taxes  
 of Persons, Partnerships and Corporations who were taxed on their list of  
 "thousand dollars and upwards in this City in the year 1850. speci-  
 fying the amount of the tax on real and personal estate severally,  
 in conformity to an order of the City Council. Laid on the table and  
 one thousand copies ordered to be printed.

Tristram B. Mackay licent- Auctioneer  
 ed as an Auctioneer, and his bond approved.

Petition of Prentiss Hobbs, & others, Hobbs  
 lumber dealers, recommending Francis Bullard to be re-appointed  
 Surveyor General of Lumber. Read and sent down

The Common Council having Lumber.  
 elected Charles Seighton, Surveyor General of Lumber this board Surveyor Gen  
 proceeded by ballot to the choice of a Surveyor General of Lumber.  
 as follows, vizt:— Whole number 9. 9. 9. 9. 9. 9. 7.

Necessary for a choice 5. 5. 5. 5. 5. 5. 4.

Francis Bullard 4. 4. 2. 4. 1. 1. 1.

Charles Seighton 3. 3. 3. 3. 3. 1. 2.

William Eaton 2. 2. 4. 2. 1. 3. 2.

Peter Jones 4. 4.

Billings Briggs 2

No person having a majority of votes the further consideration of the  
 subject was postponed, & Monday next, four o'clock P. M. was appointed



70. - ed for the election on the part of this board.

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City Engineer

Communication was received from E. J. Lhestrough, City Engineer, on the subject of requiring a fee from owners of buildings, for grading the street in front of their estates. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Fernald.

Petition of Maria Fernald, to the Court of Common Pleas, for damage to her estate on Fourth and G streets, in consequence of altering the grade of said streets. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Piper.  
Congress St.

Petition of Solomon Piper, & others, to have Congress street widened. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Whitney

Petition of Jonathan Whitney, to have an assessment made upon him, for a sewer in Congress street, abated. Referred to the Committee on Sewers & Drains.

Auditor's  
Estimates

The Auditor's estimate of money to be used for the financial year commencing May 1<sup>st</sup> 1851, in common Council agreed to by Messrs. Liver, Lull, Cummings, Bean, Gutter, Beal, and Torrance, with such as may be joined by the board of Mayor and Aldermen. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and the Mayor, Aldermen Briggs, Clark and Mumoe were joined.

Auditor's  
Estimates

Ordered, That the Committee on the Auditor's estimates, be instructed to report in print.

Petition of Max Mandzyk for <sup>March 3, 1851</sup> a license at the Boston Theatre. Referred to the Committee on licenses. Mandzyk

Petition of Thomas Carroll, for Carroll.  
a loan from the Franklin Fund. Referred to the Committee on licenses.

Petition of the Shawmut Congrega- Shawmut  
tional Society, for the City of Boston to release a bond given by the Congregational  
City Missionary Society at the time of the purchase of the land on Society  
which their Chapel stands. Read and referred to Aldermen Hol-  
brook and Smith, with such as the Common Council may join, to con-  
sider and report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, &  
the Common Council joined on its part. Messrs. Cummings, E. Lincoln  
& Jewell.

Petition of Henry Rice, to have two Rice  
lamps placed and lighted in Brighton Place. Referred to the Commit-  
tee on Lamps.

Petition of Thomas Edwards and Edwards  
others to have Meridian Street paved. Referred to the Committee on Meridian St.  
Paving.

Petition of William Butters to have Butters  
lamps placed and lighted on Fifth and B. streets. Referred to the  
Committee on Lamps.

Petition of Elijah Thompson, comman- Columbian  
der of the Columbian Artillery, for compensation for the use of their Artillery  
Army to the Committee on Public Buildings. Referred to the Commit-  
tee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Came up con-  
=curred.



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Petition of Charles A. Thacher, &

Thacher, others for a common sewer in Third street near 3 street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Hawes

Petition of William T. Hawes, and

others, to have Watchmen employed in the easterly section of East Boston. Referred to the Mayor.

Mass: Genl  
Hospital.

Petition of the Massachusetts General

Hospital, for leave to introduce and use the Cochituate Water at the McLean Asylum for the Insane, on the same terms as at the Allen street branch of said Hospital. Referred to the Water board. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Barry.

The Committee on Licenses, to whom

was referred the petition of Thomas Barry and others, to be licensed to give theatrical exhibitions in the National Theatre reported, that a license be granted on the terms applying to all similar places. Read and accepted.

Hight.

A writ of John Hight vs. the City, claim-

ing damage in consequence of his falling into a hole in Spring Lane. Referred to the City Solicitor.

Williams

Petition of Frederick J. Williams, and

others, to the Legislature and the order of notice thereon, for leave to take a portion of flats in Mystic River running from Chelsea bridge and adjacent to their estates. Referred to the City Solicitor.

Multon.

The Committee on Streets, to whom

was referred the petition of Thomas Multon and others, to have Milleria street accepted and paved. Reported, that it is not expedi-

ent. to grant the prayer of said petition. Read and accepted 75

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The following matters were referred to the Committee on the Fire Department, viz the resignation of W. Williams, as member of Engine Co. N<sup>o</sup> 15 - Clerk of an Engine Company N<sup>o</sup> 10 discharged for neglect of duty - Petition of Harriet Fletcher and others, members of Engine Company N<sup>o</sup> 14 at East Boston for an increase of their pay - and of J. H. Hurst, and others, members of Fire Department, resident at East Boston, for an increase of their pay.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of Congress the Board, passed on the twenty fifth day of November last public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in Congress Street, the cost of which was Five hundred and sixty dollars and twenty cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Four hundred and twenty dollars <sup>15</sup>/<sub>100</sub> to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule herunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names as their proportion of the expense of the said Sewer and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the eighth day of July last public notice thereof having just been given a common sewer has been constructed in Washington South of Hollis Street the cost of which was Three hundred and fifty eight dollars and sixty three cents



74. one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said  
March 2. 1851 City, the balance for hundred and sixty eight dollars 75<sup>00</sup> to  
be charged to persons benefitted by the same according to law.  
It is therefore Ordered that the persons named in the schedule  
herunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they  
herby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to  
their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense  
of the said sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and  
notice being given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

City

Whereas the leases of the City

being

being about expiring and it is for the public interest that said  
property should be sold and the proceeds thereof be applied to  
the liquidation of the City debt, therefore, it is Ordered, that Alder-  
men Roger Grant and Kimball, with such as the Common Coun-  
cil may join, be a Special Committee to enquire as to the value  
of said property and what steps should be taken in relation  
thereto and report the same to the City Council. Sent down for  
concurrence. Came up concurred, and the Common Council joined  
on its part, Mess<sup>rs</sup> H. Lincoln, Swallow, Kimball, Southard & Shackford.

Schools.

Ordered, That the Joint Standing

Committee on Public Buildings, be and they are hereby authorized  
on application of the Board of School Committee, to provide tem-  
porary accommodations for the schools; Also to furnish the Gram-  
mar and Primary schools with such furniture, fixtures and  
other necessary articles as may be needed not including books,  
Stationery or Didactic material. Sent down for concurrence.

Ordered, That due notice be <sup>75</sup> March 3. 1851

given to Patrick Stone that he remove and carry away all building and other obstruction which project over the line of First Street, near the corner of B. Street, on or before the twentieth day of this present month, and, in default thereof, the City Marshal is hereby directed forthwith to remove and carry away the same under the direction of the Committee on laying out and widening Streets.

The Joint Special Committee of Engineers appointed by an Order of the City Council of January 30<sup>th</sup> 1851, of Fire  
to ascertain the qualifications and fitness of the members of Department  
the present Board of Engineers of the Fire Department to perform  
the duties incumbent upon them, and to obtain such information respecting the charge of unfitness for the office of Engineer or  
Engineers, as may exist, or which may have been publicly made  
against said Board, and any member thereof, and report the result of their investigation to the City Council having attended to the duty assigned them submit the following Report: Due  
information was given to the Board of Engineers of the appointment of the Committee, and notices sent to the Foremen of the  
several Companies that the Committee were ready to hear and act  
upon any charges they might have to prefer against the Engineers. On the 14<sup>th</sup> February, instant the parties appeared and  
a hearing took place. Charges were made by James Quinn Foreman of Company No 10, John S. Hunt Assistant Foreman of Hydrant  
Company No 2; David Chemierlin Foreman of said Company, William Russell, Assistant Foreman of Hydrant Company No 8 & others  
to the following effect viz: Indignation of the Chief of the Fire on the Belmont Fire on March 21<sup>st</sup> 1850 and act neglect of duty of



70. late of the Assistant Engineer at a fire in Queen Street, August  
March 1851 21<sup>st</sup> 1842. Allegations against the Chief and two of his Assis-  
tants incompetency of some of the Assistants neglect of duty in cer-  
tain cases. Some forty members of different companies were brought  
forward by the accusers to prove their allegations and were all ex-  
amined by the Committee. Their statements were numerous, variously  
conflicting and occupied much time. Mr. May and several citizens  
of the great respectability formerly members of the Fire Department  
and City Government, were introduced by the Board of Engineers  
and testified in favor of their experience, ability and fidelity, the  
propriety of their conduct, and the important services rendered  
to the Department and the City, by the Chief Engineer and his  
Assistants. But without going into the particulars of the evidence  
and proceedings at the several hearings had upon the subject,  
it will be sufficient briefly to state that no one of the charges  
made by the said Dunn, that gas and air was retained  
by the testimony, which on the contrary it was conclusively pro-  
ved to the Committee, that there were no just grounds whatever  
for any charge or allegation of the kind against the Chief En-  
gineer or any one of his Assistants. In the course of the investi-  
gation it was apparent, that a disposition had been occasion-  
ally manifested on the part of a few members of some of the Fire  
Companies not to pay that proper or strict attention to the reg-  
ulations required by the Board of Engineers and the City  
Government. Regulations so necessary for the maintenance of good  
order in the Department and for the prevention or extinguish-  
ment of fires and the Committee are led to believe that the origin  
of the charges and allegations above mentioned and the indis-  
position now existing may be traced in a measure to this

disposition to infringe or evade the laws. It is manifest the harmony or concert as well as energy of action is of the first importance. March 1851  
in every Fire Department. This cannot be attained without a ready compliance with the rules on the part of the members, an implicit obedience to orders, and a rigid enforcement of them if set aside or broken, and in order to accomplish this the Engineers should be assured of the hearty co-operation of the government. The different companies must and should be under the control and direction of the Board of Engineers as provided in the Municipal Ordinances and laws of the land. They must act under the rules of that Board and those of the City Council, and in no other way can efficiency be attained or insubordination prevented. This investigation has satisfied the Committee, that the present Chief Engineer and his Assistants constitute such a Board as can be relied upon by the Fire Department, by the City Authorities, and citizens at large, and on this account, the Committee consider it their duty to recommend the Chief Engineer and his Assistants as suitable candidates for re-election by the City Council. While the Committee entertain a high opinion of the Fire Department taken together, they are aware that abuses may occasionally creep into it; and are not disposed to deny that some improvements may from time to time be made in that body. The statements against the Engineers being given due publicity of consideration and all the charges against the Board being entirely unsubstantiated, the Committee recommend that no further action whatever be had in the matter: all of which is respectfully submitted. For the Committee. H. M. Holbrook, Chairman.  
In Common Council, read, accepted and ordered to be printed. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.



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announced a Chief Engineer and Assistant Engineers of the Fire Department. Read and laid upon the Table.

Engine

N<sup>o</sup> 18

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Building be authorized to provide temporary accommodations for Engine Company N<sup>o</sup> 18. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Loud

The Committee on Licenses, to whom was referred the petition of Isaac B. Loud, "to be remunerated for the damage he sustained in aiding a City Watchman in consequence of which he received great bodily injury," have attended to the duty assigned them by a particular examination into all the circumstances attending the injury received by said Loud. The committee being satisfied that the facts stated by the petitioner and corroborated by Doctor J. Bigelow and many other respectable persons are correct, and in particular, that the petitioner has already expended \$150. and lost much time, and become straitened in his means recommend the adoption of the following Order. It Grant, for the Committee. Ordered That there be paid to Isaac B. Loud the sum of five hundred dollars in quarterly payment commencing on the first day of April next it being compensation for injury sustained by him in aiding a City Watchman in the discharge of duty, on the occasion of a serious disturbance in East Orange Street. Read, accepted and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P.M.

At a Meeting of the Board of 79  
Mayors and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall  
on Monday the tenth day of March Anno Domini 1851  
Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Petition of Stephen Child, and Child.  
others to have a new Street laid out forty feet wide, leading from New Street  
Washington Street, nearly opposite Florence, to Tremont Street.  
Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Ordered, That the petition of Pope.  
William Pope and others, to have a street forty feet wide laid out from  
Washington Street to Tremont Street with the accompanying  
documents, be taken from the files of last year and referred to  
the Committee on Streets.

The Superintendent of Common Sewers  
submitted the amount of the cost of constructing the com-  
mon sewer in Lewis Street, together with the schedule of the  
assessment. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of John Belknap, to have Belknap  
an assignment for a common sewer in Congress Street abated.  
Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of Daniel Bartlett Jr. and Bartlett  
others, to have a private drain in Sister Street, and the public  
drain cleared out to Channing Street. Referred to the Committee  
on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of Henry S. Gurney, & others Gurney  
to have a common Sewer laid in Webster Street. Referred to the Committee  
on Sewers & Drains.



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Gove

Petition of M. J. Gove, and others, to have a common sewer laid in Grove Street, between Maverick and Sumner streets. Referred to the Committee on Sewers & Drains.

Dorr

Petition of William B. Dorr, and others, to have Iron Street, so called, opened and prepared for travel, between Fourth and Seventh streets. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Loring.

Chelsea

Petition of George B. Loring, Chairman in name of a Committee of the town of Chelsea that a Committee be appointed to meet said Committee of Chelsea, to confer upon the subject of annexation to Boston. Referred to Aldermen Rogers, Kidbrook, and Kimball, with such as the Common Council may join, to consider and report. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, and the Common Council joined on its part, Messrs. Ezra Lincoln, Bosworth, Dorrance, Southard and Allen.

Barrett

street.

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of this City require that Barrett street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to Robert Knox and Alexander Thomas, bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at the Northeastly corner of said Knox's Estate, at a point on the dividing line between said Estate and that of Mitchell & Lyford and distant twenty three feet from the Southerly line of said Barrett street, measuring at right angles with the same, thence running Westerly, on a line parallel with the Southerly line of said Barrett street a distance of twenty three feet, more

or left, to the Estate of S. B. Morse; thence turning and running 81.  
feet, on the division line of said Morse Estate thence  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet to the North line of said Barrett Street as heretofore established thence  
turning and running in the Northern line of said Morse land,  
as heretofore established - being an irregular line, -  $19\frac{1}{2}$  feet  
more or less; thence turning and running, Northernly, in the divi-  
sion line of said Morse Estate and land heretofore taken by the  
city from said Mitchell & Lyford since  $50\frac{1}{2}$  feet more or less, to the point  
beginning at: taking by estimation from said Knox  $56\frac{3}{4}$  square feet  
and from said Thomas  $124\frac{25}{100}$  square feet. And Whereas, due notice  
has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said par-  
cel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return here-  
unto annexed it is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before  
described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a pub-  
lic street or way of the said City - according to a plan of the  
said premises made by E. Sinestrough dated March 5<sup>th</sup> 1857. - and  
deposited in the Office of the said Mayor and Aldermen.

Whereas this Board by a Resolution <sup>Thomas</sup> <sup>Barrett</sup> <sup>Street</sup>  
passed this day has taken a certain parcel of Land therein described,  
lying on the Northern side of Barrett Street and laid out the same  
as a public street or way of said City: - it is therefore, Ordered:  
That due notice be given to Robert Knox and Alexander Thomas  
and all other persons interested, as owners, tenants, occupants or  
otherwise in said premises that they cut off, remove and carry  
away or cause to be cut off, removed and carried away, all  
buildings and obstructions of every kind which are on the  
line of said Barrett Street as established and laid out; on  
or before the thirtieth day of March current, and in default



82. thereof the City Marshal is hereby authorized and directed forth-  
March 10, 1851. - with to cause the same to be cut off, removed and carried away  
under the direction of the Committee for laying out & widening  
streets.

President Ordered, That the President of this  
of the United board and one member from each Ward with such as the board  
of Mayor and Aldermen may, or be a Committee with full pow-  
ers in behalf of the citizens of Boston, to invite the President of  
the United States to visit this City at such time as may be most  
convenient to him and that the expense thereof be charged to the  
appropriation for incidental expenses and miscellaneous claims.  
And the following Aldermen on the part of the Board, were appoint-  
ed said Committee, viz: - Mr. Hovey Ward 1, Cutler Ward 2, Carter  
Ward 3, Lawrence, Ward 4, Seal, Ward 5, Putnam, Ward 6, Chapin  
Ward 7, Wright Ward 8, Erving, Ward 9, Dean, Ward 10, Hale, Ward 11, &  
Smith, Ward 12. Came up for concurrence. Laid on the table.

Streets. On the communication from E. S.  
City Engineer, in requiring a fee from persons wishing to  
change the grade and grade of Streets; - the Committee on laying out  
and widening streets to whom the same was referred, report the fol-  
lowing Order. For the Committee, Henry B. Rogers, Chairman. Order-  
ed, That the City Engineer be directed to charge a fee of one dollar  
and fifty cents in each case where he is requested to furnish the  
grade or line of a Street, and to deposit all fees received by him  
in the hands of the City Treasurer.

Apthorp Whereas Mary S. Apthorp has given  
notice to the Board of her intention to erect buildings on Bay State  
Street and Tremont Street in the said City, and on the opinion of

the Board, the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants require that 83  
the said street should be widened at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given  
to the said Apthorp that this Board intend to widen the street  
before mentioned, by taking a part of the land now about to be  
built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public  
street, and that Monday, the seventeenth day of March current  
at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any  
objections which may be made thereto.

Whereas William J. Goodwin : Goodwin.  
has given notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings School St.  
on School Street, in the said City; and, in the opinion of the Board,  
the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the  
said street should be widened at the place described in the  
said notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given  
to the said Goodwin that this Board intend to widen the street be-  
fore mentioned, by taking a part of the land now about to be  
built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public  
street, and that Monday, the seventeenth day of March current  
at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any  
objections which may be made thereto.

On the petition of George C. Thacher  
Thacher to have assessed the damage to his wharf and flat <sup>25</sup> and wharf  
caused by the laying out and taking of the same by the old and  
Colonial Rail Road. It is Ordered and adjudged, that the said  
damage be assessed at One hundred dollars.

Petition of Aaron B. Byron  
-ron, and others, to have a lamp placed & lighted in Buckton Street  
leading from Hanover Street. Referred to the Committee on Lamps.



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Kill.

Petition of Samuel Hall, and others, to have Murruck Street paved. Referred to the Committee on Fining.

Wildes.

Petitions of Wildes & Merritt & Darius

Henry.

Henry for licenses to keep swine. Referred to the Committee on Internal health.

Gage.

Petitions of George W. Gage & Selden

Cockell.

Cockell for licenses to keep swine. Referred to the Committee on Internal health.

Lumber.

The board proceeded by ballot to

Surveyor Gen.

the choice of Surveyor General of Lumber and the vote being taken it appeared that Charles Seighton was elected in concurrence with the Common Council.

Ward 3.

A message was received from the

vacancies

Common Council to inform the Mayor and Aldermen that there are two vacant seats in said Council, viz: a vacancy of two members in the delegation from Ward Three. Read and referred to the City Solicitor together with the documents accompanying the same together with the subject of filling the other vacancies in said Ward.

Prescott

Petition of Prescott and Chapin, to the

Legislation

Legislation, with the order of notice thereon, for extending Liverpool Wharf. Referred to the City Solicitor.

Nichols

Petition of Henry Nichols, and

others to have the side walk on the westerly side of Harrison Avenue, between Kneeland and Harvard Streets paved with bricks. Referred to the Committee on Fining.

Parker

Petition of David Parker, & others, to

have an office, and in a new North Market Street. Ref<sup>d</sup> to the Mayor.

Petition of John Bacon, & others, 85 March 10. 1851.

to have Endicott street lighted with gas. Referred to the Committee on Stamps. Bacon.

Petition of A. C. Homer, & others, Homer.

to have Washington street paved with granite, between Essex and Avery streets. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Ordered, That Aldermen Briggs, County clerk and Smith be a Committee to consider what action, if any, is building necessary upon the subject of the care and custody of the County buildings.

Petition of John Stetson, late a Watchman, for a hearing. Referred to the Committee on Licenses. Stetson

Petition of Members of Engine Co. No. 15. to have Henry S. Ellms discharged from said company. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department. Ellms

Petition of H. L. Champlin, Clerk of Engine Co. No. 18. to have a hearing respecting his neglect of duty as charged against him by the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department. Champlin

Order of the Common Council, appointing Messrs. Dunham, Cassell and East with such as the board & Mayor and Aldermen might join, a committee to confer with the Grammar School Committee, relative to the salaries of teachers of the Common and High Schools; where a distinction may be made between those who are resident citizens. Teachers



86. of Boston, and those who are not. Came up for concurrence. Read  
March 10. 1851. and concurred, and Aldermen Grant and Munroe were joined.

Appropriations

Order making transfers of sundry appropriations as exhibited to the Auditor. Referred to the Committee on Finance. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Bills not

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be required to present to the City Council, each month, a statement of all bills submitted to them, which they did not see fit to approve. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

City Charter

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the Legislature for an alteration of the City Charter, so that the Board of Aldermen shall consist of twelve instead of eight, as at present constituted. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and nonconcurred.

Police &

Watch

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the Legislature for such alterations in the existing laws as will vest the power in the City Council to regulate and control the Police and Watch Departments, the care and management of the public streets, including the widening and extending the same, and such other matters as are now exclusively controlled by the board of Mayor and Aldermen; so that the concurrent action of the two branches of the City Council shall be required to authorize any expenditure out of the City Treasury. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and nonconcurred.

Petition of R. E. Apthorp, & others, 87  
for the use of General Quilt on the 26<sup>th</sup> instant "in the purpose of holding a Mass State Convention of persons opposed to the anti-fugitive slave law." Read and laid upon the Table. March 10. 1851

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor, Taxes in behalf of the City Council, be authorized and requested to petition the Legislature of this Commonwealth, at its present session, for such an alteration in the existing law, as to provide for the assessment of taxes on the first day of January, instead of the first of May. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and nonconcurred.

Ordered, That the ordinance entitled "An Ordinance in relation to City Officers" passed December 23<sup>d</sup> 1850. shall not be considered as applicable to the office of clerk of the board of Directors of the House of Industry and Reformation. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and laid upon the table.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee on the petition of the Mount Washington Guards that the City would pay the rent of their Armory; which report gave said company leave to withdraw, be recommended to the same Committee. Came up for concurrence. Read and laid upon the table. Mount Washington Guards

Adjourned to Monday next four o'clock P.M.



At a Meeting of the Board of  
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall,  
on Monday the Seventeenth day of March, Anno Domini, 1851.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Ward 3.

City Solicitor's Office, March 13.

Respected  
Sir.

Hon. Saml. P. Bigelow, Mayor &c. Sir I have received from the board of  
Mayor and Aldermen certain documents relating to recent elections  
in Ward No. 3 and I am informed that my opinion is desired as to  
the proper legal course of proceeding by the board of Mayor and  
Aldermen. It appears by these papers in the first place that the  
Common Council have declared that there are two vacant seats  
in that board in the delegation from Ward No. 3. As the Common  
Council by the City Charter is expressly authorized to decide ultimate-  
ly upon the election of its members, its declaration upon this point  
seems to be conclusive in the premises, and not to be inquired  
into by your board, and as by the Act of 1848 Ch. 217 § 2. it is  
made the duty of the Mayor and Aldermen to fill any vacan-  
cy in the Common Council, when brought to their notice, there  
can be no doubt that a warrant should be issued to fill such  
vacancy "at such time and place as in their judgement may be  
deemed advisable". Among the documents sent to me is a re-  
monstrance in which it is stated that the Warden and certain  
of the Inspectors were elected at an adjourned meeting of the citi-  
zens of the Ward, and under such circumstances as do not enti-  
tle them to act. Upon the facts as stated in this remonstrance and  
in the report of a committee of the Common Council, read City  
documents Nos. 11 and 12, I am clearly of the opinion, that the War-  
den and Inspectors so chosen at the adjourned meeting were

illegally chosen; but that several offices are vacant, and that a warrant should be issued to fill them. I do not deem it necessary to go into any detailed statement of the reasons on which I base this conclusion, unless requested to do so by your board, inasmuch as I understand that the Committee on Elections of the Common Council in their able report although they disagree as to the election of the members of the Council, do not maintain the ground that the election of the Warden and Inspectors at the adjourned meeting was illegal. I have the honor to be respectfully your obt. servt. Ely W. Chandler, City Solicitor. Read and placed on file.

Ordered, That a warrant be issued for a meeting of the legal voters of Ward No. 3. to assemble in their Ward room, on Monday the thirty first day of March in Ward 3. instant, at 12 o'clock, A. M. then and there to give in their ballots for a Warden, three Inspectors of Elections, and two members of the common council. All of whom to be inhabitants of this City & resident in said Ward. The poll to be kept open until four o'clock, P. M.

The Committee on Licenses, to Carroll. When was referred the application of Thomas Carroll for a loan from the Franklin Fund reported that the loan be granted on giving bond John W. Henno and Charles Pelham as sureties. Read & accepted.

The board proceeded by ballot to the choice of Chief Engineer and Assistant Engineers of the Fire Department, on the part of this board. And the votes having been taken, it appeared that William Burnicott was chosen Chief Engineer, and Charles O'Leary, Nathan Jacobs, George W. Reed, John L. Reed, Elisha Smith, Junr, Theodore P. Bowker, Anson Elms and Ebenzer Pease



90. were chosen Assistant Engineers, all in concurrence with the Common  
March 17, 1851. Council.

Colburn.

The appointment of Frederick A. Colburn as Assistant Engineer of the Fire Department, he having been chosen on the part of the Common Council, came up for concurrence. Laid upon the Table.

Summer  
Street Drain.

Ordered, That the whole subject of maintaining the drain recently extended in Summer street, and of ascertaining and defending the rights of the city in relation thereto be referred to the Committee on Internal Health, with full power to take any and all measures in relation thereto, that they may deem advisable.

Surveyor Gen<sup>l</sup>  
of Lumber

Charles Seighton's bond as Surveyor General of Lumber, was referred to Aldermen Kimball and Clark.

Street  
names of

Whereas in consequence of the fact that several streets, courts, lanes and places in different parts of the city, are known by the same name, thus causing at times, great inconvenience to the citizens, - Therefore, Ordered, that Aldermen Kimball, Smith and Clark, be a committee to consider and report what changes, if any, it is expedient to make in said naming.

Deer Island.

Ordered, That the Directors of the House of Industry be authorized to raise the ground around the new House on Deer Island, as per plan.

Woodman

Petition of George Woodman, and others to have the drain laid up and between Washington and Belmont streets. Referred to the Committee on Faving.

Petition of Joseph W. Green, 91. March 17, 1851.  
and others to the Legislature, and the order of notice thereon, to Green.  
have an alteration made in the act respecting dry fish. Referred to the City Solicitor.

Petition of George P. Dudley, and Dudley  
others to have Chelsea Street paved, between Maverick & Seaton  
streets. Referred to the Committee on Faving.

The following petitions against Middlesex Co.  
the City are referred to the City Solicitor, viz: Middlesex Company, Whipple.  
Circus M. Whipple - in the Common Pleas Court in the County of Quincy.  
Middlesex. The Christopher Quincy road of attachment in the County  
of Suffolk.

Petition of John Odlin, Junr respect: Odlin.  
ing the erection of a building on the lot of land adjoining the  
Johnson School house. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings  
with instructions to consider the expediency of reporting a general  
regulation on the erection of buildings adjacent to School houses &c.  
Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Communication from the Mayor, as Superintendent  
Chairman of the School Committee, transmitting the resolution and of Senate.  
passed by said Committee of March 11, 1851, requesting a deduction of school  
for Superintendent of Public Schools, and for certain schools for  
Adults. Referred, together with the accompanying documents, to the  
Committee on Public Instruction, with leave to report in print. Came  
up from the Common Council, for concurrence. Read & concurred.

Petition of Enos A. Prescott, to be restored, Prescott  
to the Watch. Referred to the Committee on Finance.



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Salaries  
of Teachers.

Ordered, That Messrs. Dunham, Washburn and Reed, with such as the board of Mayor & Aldermen might join be a committee to confer with the Grammar School Committee relative to the salaries of teachers of the Grammar and High Schools; whereby a distinction may be made between those who are resident citizens of Boston, and those who are not. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and Aldermen Grant and Munroe were joined.

Reporters.

Petition of sundry reporters, to have better accommodations provided for them in the room of the Mayor & Aldermen City Hall referred to Aldermen Westbrook, Kimball and Smith.

Mount  
Washington  
Guards.

Order of the Common Council, appointing Messrs. Thompson, Dunham and Chapin, with such as the board of Mayor and Aldermen might join, a committee, to consider and report what amount, if any, should be paid for the rent of the rooms at South Boston heretofore occupied by the Mount Washington Guards. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and Aldermen Rogers and Munroe were joined.

County  
buildings

An order passed at the last meeting respecting the care and custody of the County buildings, and appointing a committee on that subject, - was reconsidered.

County  
buildings

Ordered, That the committee on Salaries consider and report what action, if any, is necessary upon the subject of the care and custody of the County buildings, and the salaries to be paid to those who may have charge of the same, with such provisions for appointing persons to the care of them. Went down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Ordered, That the City Mar- 93

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shall be directed to notify the owners of the estate of the late Winsa to lay their side walks to the City Station at the rate on Harrison Avenue, according to law, within twenty days with brick or flat stones.

Petition of Edmund Jackson, & Jackson.

thems to have a drain laid in Brookline street between Washington and Suffolk streets, to carry off the lot water. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of John Griggs, to have a Griggs.

common sewer laid in Lenox street, and to have said street accepted. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of L. H. Cuthan, for Cuthan.

leave to place his Daguerreotype Saloon in Warwick square, for four weeks. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Ordered, That the Special Gas, for

Committee on Gas, be and they are hereby instructed to take into consideration the expediency of supplying East Boston and South Boston with gas. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Ordered, That the Committee on City

Public Buildings be requested to inquire into the expediency of providing by ordinance for the office of City Architect and Engineer to report what amount has been paid by the City, during the last three years for architectural services, including models, plans &c. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Petition of Peter & Peterson and others, for Peterson

a common sewer in Meridian street. Ref<sup>d</sup> to the Com<sup>ee</sup> on Sewers & Drains



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Schouler.

Petition of Schouler and Brewer.

and others to be paid for purchasing the order of funeral ceremonies in honor of President Taylor. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Printing. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Messenger.

Huler

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on Ordinances report to the City Council, an ordinance establishing the office of Messenger, with assistant; and a porter to City Hall and City Building and in what manner such offices shall be filled. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Aliens

Report of Aliens admitted to the House of Industry and Sea Island, for the month of February last. Read and filed.

Mount  
Washington  
Guards.

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be directed to provide a suitable armoury for the Mount Washington Guards agreeable to the requirements of the laws of this Commonwealth. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Atkins

Petition of John Atkins & others, to have the East Boston gas works removed from its present location, or other measures taken to abate said nuisance. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Reporters

Ordered, That the Messenger be instructed, under the direction of His Honor the Mayor, to provide suitable accommodations within the Mayor and Aldermen's room, for Reporters of the Press that may be present at the public meetings of the Board. Read and referred to Aldermen Westbrook, Kimball and Smith.

The petition of R. D. Apthorp, & 95  
others for the use of Faneuil Hall was taken from the table, and March 17 1851.  
upon the question of granting the same, it was decided in the  
negative, by a unanimous vote.

On the order of notice returnable Goodwin  
at this time, on the notice of intention to build of William F. Good School St.  
win on School Street &c. And now no person appearing to object,  
the same was referred to the Committee on Streets.

The Committee on Paving, to Hall  
whom was referred the petition of John Hall, for leave to place  
wooden steps at his shop on Endicott Street, reported, that the  
petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition. Read & accepted.

The Committee on Licenses, to Stetson.  
whom was referred the petition of John Stetson, a late Watchman  
asking a hearing in relation to being restored, reported, that the  
petitioner have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Petition of James Cheever, & others, Cheever,  
to the Legislature, and the order of notice thereon, for an alteration City Charter  
of the City Charter. Read and laid upon the Table.

The following named persons were Watchmen.  
nominated and appointed Watchmen, vizt Benjamin F. Mitchell,  
O. H. Kenney, Ephraim Lockham, James S. Bates, John F. Brown  
Martin Manuel, and Samuel A. Quimby.



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Trucks & Carriages

The Committee on Licenses recommended that licenses be granted for Trucks and Wagons; Trucks and Carriages licensed and licenses transferred. Read and accepted as recorded in book in City Marshal's office.

Fire Department.

Monday next was assigned to consider an order for the discharge of sundry persons from the Fire Department.

Hall -  
Gilburn  
Nutter

The Committee to whom were referred the petition of Seth Hall and Ethan A. Gilburn <sup>and Anthony Nutter</sup> to be appointed Funeral Undertakers reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition, the requisite number having been appointed in conformity with the City Ordinance, which provides, that the appointment shall be made in the month of January, as was then done, of such persons as the City Registrar recommended. For the Committee, M. Grant, Chairman. Read and accepted.

Watch.

Petition of Samuel Hatch, and others, to have an old tree removed from Lincoln street. Referred to the Mayor.

Watch  
& Lamps

The Committee on Watch and Lamps made a report respecting appropriations and additions thereto. Read accepted and sent down.

Primary  
School House

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Buildings reported the amount expended of the appropriation for Primary School Houses. Read and sent down.

Market.

The Committee on the Market, report of the amount of the appropriation for incidental expenses of the Market House, & the amount unexpended. Read and sent down.

The Committee on laying out & 97 March 17, 1851  
widening Streets to whom was committed the notice to Henry S. Applethorp  
Applethorp, returnable this day, of an intention on the part of this Board  
Board to widen Tremont and Beylston Streets in her estate, having  
carefully examined the premises, report that the public convenience  
does not require that said Streets should be widened at the place  
where Mr. Applethorp proposes to build. For the Committee, Henry B.  
Rogers, Chairman. Read and accepted.

Whereas by a certain instrument, Locke  
dated February fifteenth Eighteen hundred and fifty, the City agreed Prince St.  
to convey a certain piece of land on Prince Street to William Locke,  
And whereas there appears to be an error in the survey whereby  
the said Locke has agreed to pay for twenty <sup>375</sup>/<sub>100</sub> square feet more  
than the City has a right to convey: it is therefore Ordered, that  
the City Treasurer be authorized and directed to endorse on the  
Bond, given to the City by said Locke on the first day of May  
last (being numbered 669) the sum of Sixty six dollars & fifty  
cents, being at the rate of three <sup>25</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars per square foot, with  
interest on said sum from the day of the date of said Bond,  
in full satisfaction of said error; this order to take effect on  
said Locke's consenting thereto, and not otherwise. Ordered, further,  
er, that, on payment of said Bond in full as aforesaid, the  
Mayor be and he hereby is authorized to execute a deed of the  
land agreed to be conveyed according to a new Survey thereof  
made by Mr. Farrott, dated March 12<sup>th</sup> 1851, and on record in the  
office of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Sent down for  
concurrence. Came up concurred.

The Committee on Having, to whom Quincy  
was referred the petition of Roger Quincy asking leave to remove to



90 wooden building, report that the same ought to be granted on the  
March 17, 1851. condition that all damage caused by the removal shall be  
chargeable to the petitioner. For the Committee, Billings Briggs Chair-  
man. Read and accepted.

Noble H<sup>o</sup>. The Committee on Paving, to whom  
was referred the petition of Noble H<sup>o</sup> claiming damages in conse-  
quence of their horse and carriage running into the entrance of a  
common sewer in Washington Street, reported, that the petitioners  
have leave to withdraw their petition. Read and accepted.

Harvey.  
Gage  
Crockett  
Hilder  
Merrill  
Swine. Ordered, That licenses be severally  
granted to Darius Harvey, keeper of the Massachusetts House, to  
George W. Gage keeper of the City Hotel, to Seldon Crockett, keeper of  
the Bromfield House, and to Wildes & Merrill, keepers of N. W. Elm  
Street, to keep hogs under their several stables attached to their  
respective houses, upon the express condition, however, that said  
hogs are not to be fed upon the house offal collected in the re-  
spective premises, and that there shall be no infringement by  
said parties of the ordinances relating to house offal, or of the  
contract made by the City with the individuals who now have  
the sole right to carry it away.

Brown. The Committee on Paving, to whom  
was referred the petition of J. A. N. Brown asking for leave to con-  
struct coal holes and areas under side walks, Kneeland Street,  
report, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, upon the usual  
conditions, viz: that they be properly built and covered over  
with wood and strong stone subject to removal at the pleas-  
ure of the City. For the Committee Billings Briggs, Chairman.  
Read and accepted.

Petition of Mark Hinckley, to be  
restored to the Day Police. Referred to the Committee on Licenses. Hinckley

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P.M.

At a Special meeting of the board  
of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall  
on Tuesday the eighteenth day of March, Anno Domini 1851.  
Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

The Mayor having laid before  
the board a communication from the President of the United States,  
signed by the Secretary of State, it was voted, that the Mayor be  
requested to lay the same before the Common Council.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P.M.



At a Meeting of the Board of  
 Aldermen and Mayor of the City of Boston held at City Hall  
 on Monday the twenty fourth day of March, Anno Domini 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Primary  
 School houses.  
 Watch & Gas.  
 Market.

The following subjects came  
 up referred to the Committee on Finance, in Common Council, vizt:  
 appropriation for Primary School Houses, and the amount unex-  
 pended; - appropriation for Watch and Gas lamps, and the amount  
 remaining unexpended; - appropriation for the Market and the  
 amount remaining unexpended. Came up for concurrence. Read  
 and concurred.

Market  
 cellars.

Petition of occupants of cellars under  
 Faneuil Hall Market, to be compensated for damages by tide water,  
 which enters their cellars. Referred to the Committee on the Market.

Oxton  
 Smoking.

Petition of John M. Oxton, & others,  
 that the Ordinance respecting Smoking in the streets may be re-  
 pealed, and requesting a hearing before the board. Read and re-  
 ferred to Aldermen Munroe, Fuggs, and Clark, on the part of  
 this board. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, and  
 Messrs. Paul, Sumner, Reed, Jewell and Kendall were joined.

Bradbury.  
 Bee.

Petition of Bradbury, Harmon & Co.  
 proprietors of the Boston Daily Bee, for leave to print in said paper  
 the orders and ordinances of the City. Referred to the joint Standing  
 Committee on Printing. Sent down for concurrence. Came up  
 concurred.

Petition of Elizabeth Capron, for 101.  
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a license to keep an Intelligence office. Referred to the Committee on Capron.  
Licenses.

Petition of Lemuel Shaw, to have Shaw.  
the damage determined, for taking his land to widen Washington  
street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of David Kimball, & others, Kimball.  
to have a street laid out in continuation of Charles street from Charles St.  
Cambridge to Everett street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Charles Sturtevant, and Sturtevant.  
another, to have Henry street, East Boston, accepted and paid. Referred to  
the Committee on Streets.

Petition of George Coffran, and others, Coffran.  
tenants of Thomas Lord in relation to a drain cut off in such Lord  
street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

The Committee on laying out & Griggs.  
widening streets, to whom was referred the petition of John Griggs,  
to have a common sewer laid in Lenox street, reported, that  
the same be referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains  
accepted and referred accordingly.

Petition of William Nichols, to Nichols.  
be paid the amount of his account for firework. Referred to the  
Committee on Licenses.

Petition of William K. Babson, to Babson  
be remunerated the damage he has suffered in consequence of  
lowering the grade of Suffolk street. Referred to the Com<sup>tee</sup> on Sewers.



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Petition of William C. Barstow, &

Barstow, to the Legislature, for leave to extend their wharves to the Commissioners line on Chelsea Creek. Referred to the City Solicitor.

New Jail

Petition of C. P. Chamberlin & Thomas P.

Lock, to have the City excavate the dock to the City's wharf near the New Jail. Referred to the Committee on the New Jail.

East Boston

Petition of the East Boston Iron and

Gen & Gas Co. Gas company for leave to lay pipes for gas, as it may become necessary. Referred to the Committee on Lamps with full power.

Lawton

Petition of John I. Lawton, and others,

to have lamps placed in Broadway, between J. and K. Streets. Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

Channing

Communication of William F. Chan-

ning

submitting a plan of Telegraphic fire alarms. Read and referred to the joint Standing Committee on Public Buildings with authority to report in print. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Cushman

Petition of J. A. Cushman for an

abatement of an assessment for a common sewer in Swan, Colony and Ontario Streets. Referred to the Committee on Streets & Drains.

Pills

The Committee on Paving, to whom

Street

was referred the petition of Emory Brewster and others to have Pills Street widened replied that the said petition be referred to the Committee on Streets. Read, accepted and referred accordingly.

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whom was referred the petition of Samuel W. Kope, and others, Kope  
to have two wooden posts from the corner of Harvard and Hudson  
streets reported that the nuisance complained of has been removed,  
and that no further action is necessary thereon. Read and  
accepted.

The board proceeded by ballot Assessors-  
to the election of Principal Assessors; and the vote being taken, it principal  
appeared that Messrs George & Paul Samuel Torrey George Jackson  
and Henry Sargent were elected in concurrence with the Common  
Council.

The board proceeded by ballot to Assessors  
the choice of per diem Assessors and the vote being taken, it appeared  
that Messrs Benjamin Dodd, William M Lane and Clement  
Willis, were elected in concurrence with the Common Council.

The choice of Assistant Assessors Assessors-  
was laid on the table.

The board proceeded by ballot to City  
the choice of a City Registrar, and the ballot being taken, it ap- Registrar  
peared that Artemas Simonds was elected in concurrence with the  
Common Council.

An order of the Common Council, Independence.  
appointing a committee of arrangements for celebrating the birth  
of July next. Read and laid on the table.

Report of Committee on Shawmut  
Shawmut Congregational Society. Read and laid on the table. Shawmut



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Fire  
Department

Resolutions from the Common Council, concerning certain persons connected with the Fire Department and their charges against the City Council. Read and placed on file.

Quinn.

Petition of James Quinn, and others, members of the Fire Department, to have a hearing before the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Read and laid upon the Table.

Fire

Department.

Committee on the Fire Department offered the following: Whereas, officers discharged.

Alderman Holbrook from the joint Special Committee on the Fire Department offered the following: Whereas, in consequence of a feeling of discontent prevailing among a portion of the Boston Fire Department for some time past; and of certain serious charges which have been publicly made against the Chief and Assistant Engineers; a joint Special Committee was appointed in February last, to investigate the whole subject matter; And said Committee after notice given to the Foremen of the several companies, and a full and patient hearing of all persons having charges to make against said Engineers, as well as of the witnesses offered by them, and a careful consideration of the evidence produced on the one side and the other, reported unanimously that said charges, though grave in their character, were entirely unsustained, frivolous, and unworthy of consideration, and recommended said Engineers for re-election, and their report was accepted by both branches of the City Government; And whereas the result of this investigation is evidence of a spirit of insubordination in a portion of the Fire Department highly detrimental to the interests of the City, as well as of a design to injure the character, standing and usefulness of the Board of Engineers by preferring gross and unsupported charges against them; and where-

as, especially since the acceptance of said report, and while the 105.  
election of said Board of Engineers was pending in the board of March 24. 1851.  
 Aldermen certain persons, being members of the Boston Fire Department, had at meeting at which the doings of said Special Committee were canvassed and afterwards made a report thereon, in which they impeach the fidelity and integrity of said Special Committee, and object to the election of said Engineers, and published and distributed the said report among the inhabitants of the city, thus appealing from the judgement of the City Council to the public who have entrusted all matters relating to the Fire Department to this government exclusively; - And whereas these proceedings are improper, illegal, and contrary to good order and good government, and in the opinion of this board cannot be passed over without endangering the grave interests of the public, entrusted to their care; - Therefore, it is Ordered, that James Quinn, Foreman of Engine Company No. 10. E. W. Hawes, Foreman of Engine Company No. 12. - John W. Hunt, Assistant Foreman of Hydrant Company No. 2. - John Prince Clerk of Engine Company No. 13. and William Lippell, Clerk of Hydrant Company No. 1. whose names are attached to said report, be and are hereby dismissed from the Boston Fire Department, and their names stricken from the rolls thereof. Upon the question of the passage of the foregoing the yeas and nays being required, were taken as follows, viz: - Yeas: Aldermen Rogers, Briggs, Grant, Holbrook, Clark and Smith, Six; - Nays: The Mayor, Aldermen Kimball and Munroe - Three. So said order passed.

Ordered, That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be instructed to strictly enforce the rules and regulations established for the government of the Fire Department.



106 and report to this board all cases of infringement, with the names  
March 24. 1851 of the delinquents - and, also, what complaint, if any, have been  
made to this board and not acted upon.

Fire Department Ordered, That the Committee  
on the Boston Fire Department consider and report whether said  
Department may be diminished, in its numbers and material,  
with advantage to the public interest.

Engineer - The votes being taken for an  
Assistant Engineer of the Fire Department, Frederick A. Getburn  
was re-elected to that office, in concurrence with the Common Coun-  
cil.

County Buildings The Joint Special Committee on  
Salaries to whom was referred the Order of March 17. 1851 relating to  
County Buildings learning that the matter of inquiry is not within  
their control ask leave to be discharged from the further consideration  
of the subject. For the Committee, H. M. Holbrook, Chairman. Read  
and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

County Buildings Ordered, That Aldermen Holbrook  
and Clark be a committee to enquire into and consider the  
subject of the care and custody of the County buildings, the sala-  
ries paid to those who may have the charge of them, and the  
mode of appointment, and report thereon.

Faneuil Hall Ordered, That the order of the City  
Council passed June 24. 1850 directing the Committee on Public  
Buildings, to box the tide water out of the cellars under Faneuil  
Hall Market house, be, and the same is, revived and renewed;  
the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Public Buildings.  
Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Petition of Arthur Hall, for a <sup>10<sup>th</sup></sup> license to exhibit sporting views. Referred to the Committee on Licenses. <sup>March 24 1861</sup> Hall

Petition of J. L. Merriam to be restored to the Watch, and requesting a hearing. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

The Committee on Faving, to whom were referred the petition of John Ballard, asking for liberty to excavate for coal holes under the sidewalk in front of his dwelling in Federal Street, Report: That the prayer of the petition be granted upon the usual conditions, viz. that they be properly built and covered over with good and strong stone, subject to removal at the pleasure of the City. In the Committee, William Briggs, Chairman. Read and accepted.

Upon the recommendation of the Police the City Marshal, the Police warrants of the following named persons were revoked, viz: William A. Burgess, Ethan Davis, John G. Dunbar, John Ireland, Arthur Huston, Samuel Faine, John Prince, Ebenezer Shute, Jr., James E. Spear, Merwin Tining, John L. Haller, Leonard M. West.

The City Marshal proposed the following named persons for appointment as Policemen and Watchmen, viz. George M. King, Simon B. Huestis, William B. Davis, David L. Neis, William W. Bullock & Edward G. Richardson. who were appointed accordingly.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P. M.



At a meeting of the board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Monday the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, Term Commencing, 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Holbrook.

Surgeon Gen<sup>l</sup>  
of Lumber

The bond of Charles Seighton, Surveyor General of Lumber, principal. Adam W. Parker and Benjamin Paul, sureties, having been examined by the City Solicitor, was received and approved by the board.

Proctor.

Remonstrance of Alfred N. Proctor, against the granting a license to any other person to exhibit a Liqueur-type Saloon in Marlrick Square, East Boston. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Lynch

Petition of Michael Lynch, & others, to have stagnant water removed from Silver street. Referred to the Committee on Internal health.

Stone

Petition of M. F. Stone, and others, to have a common sewer laid in Paris street, between Decatur & Meridian streets. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Engine  
companies

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Petitions of Engine Companies No 13, and 18 requesting an immediate and honorable discharge from the Fire Department, having been referred to the Committee on the Fire Department, said Committee recommended that their request be granted. Which report was accepted and said companies were discharged accordingly.

Petition of Winthrop Ward, for 109 March 31. 1851  
leave to construct a coal hole under the side walk. No 125. Pine  
-chase street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Alpheus Hardy, and Hardy.  
others recommending Judah Baker to be appointed Harbour  
Master. Read and sent down.

Order of the Common Council, re- Brown.  
-erring the petition of Charles W. Brown, for a stay of execution upon  
a judgement of the City of Boston against him, for rent of a wharf,  
to the Committee on Public Lands. Came up for concurrence. Read  
and concurred.

Petition of H. L. Champlin & others Champlin  
in aid of the petition of J. M. Oton and others that the ordinance. Smoking.  
of 1817, relating to smoking in the streets may be repealed. Ref-  
-ered to the Joint Special Committee on that subject. Sent down  
for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Ordered; That the City Solicitor Williams.  
be requested to return the order of notice served on the City in rela- Mystic Falls  
-tion to the petition of Frederick J. Williams, concerning certain lands  
on Mystic River, and that the same be referred to the Committee  
on the Harbour. Reference to City Solicitor withdrawn and the pe-  
-tition above mentioned referred to the Committee on the Harbour.  
Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

The Order establishing the Salaries Salaries  
of the City and County Officers was committed to the same Com-  
-mittee who reported said order. Sent down for concurrence.



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## Order of the Common Council

Independence appointing Messrs. Erving, Haskell, Peter Dunham and others, with such as the board of Mayor and Aldermen might join a committee with full power to make such arrangements as they may deem expedient for the celebration on the fourth of July next of the Declaration of the Independence of the United States, and that the expense thereof not to exceed six thousand dollars be charged to Incidental Expenses and Miscellaneous Claims. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred with the following amendment, at A. strike out all after the word "committee", and insert the following - to consider and report what measures shall be taken by the City Council for the celebration of the Declaration of Independence, on the Fourth of July next." and Aldermen Briggs, Kimball, Smith and Munroe were joined on the part of this board. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Marsh

Coal holes

Ordered, That Robert Marsh be and

he is hereby appointed to superintend the erection of Coal holes under an order passed the board of Mayor and Aldermen September 2<sup>d</sup> 1850. for a compensation not exceeding five dollars for each Coal hole granted by the City and superintended by him on his making a return to the City Clerk that they have been made to comply with the above order.

Committee

refreshment for

Ordered, That the Committee

be and they are hereby authorized and directed to approve all bills for carriage hire and refreshments furnished to members of the City Council while they are in the discharge of their official duty. Such bills to be approved by the chairmen of the various committees by whom they are incurred. Passed in Com-

men Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

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Ordered, That the Committee on Free Public Buildings be authorized and directed to furnish suitable accommodations, properly lighted and warmed, for free evening schools in Ward 12, upon written application of the Trustees of the "Heure School Fund", and that the expense thereof be charged to the appropriation for "Schools". Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Ordered, That the Joint Committee, Telegraph on Public Lands consider the expediency of causing the public common at South Boston on Telegraph Hill, to be improved by fencing and ornamenting the same. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Finance, with such as the board of Mayor and Aldermen may desire to join, be a Committee to consider and report, when it will become necessary or expedient for the City Council to make provision for the deficiency in the Water rents, <sup>to</sup> meet the interest on the Water Debt. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred with the following amendment, at A, insert "and current expenses of the department" and Aldermen Rogers, Briggs Grant & Kimball were joined. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

The Joint Standing Committee on Ordinances, to whom was referred the order of the City Council of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst. in relation to an Ordinance estab-



112. -lishing the office of Messenger, with Assistants and a Porter,  
March 31, 1851. in the City Hall and Buildings, they have to Report that they  
have carefully considered the subject submitted to them, and  
are of opinion that inasmuch as it is understood that the  
City Council do not propose, at present, to change the existing ar-  
rangements in respect to the Messenger and his Assistants, it  
is not practicable to frame an Ordinance that would be accept-  
able to the government at this time; and they therefore, respectfully  
ask to be excused from further service in relation to the above  
Order. For the Committee, Henry B. Rogers, Chairman. Accepted in  
Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Merchants

Resolved, That this Board will

Row.

discontinue an angular piece of the street called Merchants  
Row, lying between the estates of Moses Pond and George B.  
Richardson on said street, and release and quit claim all  
their right and interest in and to the same to the said Pond  
and Richardson, reserving all rights of other parties, for the sum  
of seven dollars per square foot, provided the said Pond and  
Richardson agree to erect buildings on said land and to  
receive in full compensation, the same sum per square foot  
for any land which the City may deem it advisable to take  
from the estate of said Pond, in order to make a suitable  
circular sweep on the corner of said street lying between  
the estate of said Pond and that of said Richardson.

Chester

Ordered, That the Board accept

that.

and adopt the grade proposed March 24<sup>th</sup> 1851 by the City En-  
gineer for Chester Street, between Fremont and Washington Streets.

the same having been devised in conformity with the desire 113  
of November 11<sup>th</sup> 1850, and shown on a plan of said grade made March 31, 1851  
to said Engineer, dated March 24<sup>th</sup> 1851, and deposited in the office  
of the Mayor and Aldermen.

Ordered, That the Board accept Congress  
and adopt the line for the edge of side walks on Congress street, that  
between State and Water Streets, as proposed by the City Engi-  
neer, and shown on a plan dated March 24<sup>th</sup> 1851, and deposited  
in the office of the Mayor and Aldermen. Ordered, That the Board  
accept and adopt the modified grade of the east side of Congress  
Street, between Duane and Windmill Streets, as proposed by the City  
Engineer, March 24<sup>th</sup> 1851, and shown on the plan of the grade  
of said Congress Street, as originally adopted, dated January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
1851, and deposited in the Office of the Mayor and Aldermen.

The Committee on Public Instruction, Superintendent  
to whom was referred the subject of a Superintendent of the Public  
Schools, by an order adopted in February last, report, that they  
have given the subject that attention which its importance de-  
mands. They have conferred with a sub-committee from the School  
Committee, and, after an interchange of opinions, have come unan-  
imously to the conclusion, that the interests of the City require  
that a Superintendent of the Public Schools shall be chosen. The  
elaborate and conclusive report, which has recently been adopt-  
ed by the School Committee, in relation to the necessity which exists  
for the appointment of such an officer, is now printed for the in-  
formation of the members of the City Council. The Committee unan-  
imously report the annexed order, for adoption by the City Council.  
For the Committee, John P. Bigelow, Chairman. Ordered, That



114. the sum of twenty five hundred dollars be, and the same hereby  
March 31. 1851. is appropriated for the employment of a Superintendent of Public  
Schools to be chosen by the School Committee, and to act under  
their control and direction. In Common Council, Read. Came  
up for concurrence. Read & concurred.

Appropriations

This Committee having duly  
considered the Auditor's communication to the City Council of  
the 6<sup>th</sup> instant, and the other Documents relating to the same sub-  
ject which were referred to them have concluded to recommend  
to the Council the passage of the enclosed Order. For the Committee  
John P. Bigelow Chairman. Ordered, That the Auditor of Ac-  
counts be authorized to make the following transfers of existing  
appropriations, viz: From Widening Streets to County of Suffolk, ten  
thousand dollars. From Police to Gas Fictures, one thousand dol-  
lars. From Lunatic Hospital to House of Correction, one thousand  
dollars; to Annuities, one hundred and twenty dollars, and to  
Advertising, five hundred and fifty dollars. From Interest to  
Summary School Houses, fifteen hundred dollars. From Wellcut's  
Buildings to House of Industry, eight thousand dollars. From  
Public Library to Market, Three hundred dollars. From Internal  
Sanitary to Old Rooms Six thousand dollars. From Instructors to  
Salaries, fifteen hundred dollars. From Widening Streets to Water,  
two five hundred dollars In Common Council, Read. Came up  
for concurrence. Read & concurred.

Schools

for Adults

The Committee on Public Instruc-  
tion, to whom was referred the petition of Rev. Charles T. Barnard  
and also the order from the School Committee in relation to an  
appropriation for the Free evening schools established in the Mer-  
ren and Hills Street Chapels, Report: That the report adopted by

the School Committee, which is appended, sets forth the merits & 115  
claims of these schools in so clear a manner, that your Com- March 31 1861  
mittee do not feel called upon to add any words of their own  
in relation to the subject, further than to express their interest in  
these institutions, their belief that they accomplish a great am-  
ount of good, their hope that the number will be increased, and  
that they will continue to receive the approbation of the pub-  
lic. The Committee unanimously recommend the adoption of  
the following order by the City Council. In the Committee John  
P. Bigelow, Chairman. Ordered, That the sum of five hundred  
dollars be and the same hereby is appropriated for the use of the  
School Committee in aid of the Free Evening Schools established  
in the City, in the Warren and Pitts Street Chapels. Passed in Com-  
mon Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Ordered, That there be paid Simmons  
to John Simmons, the sum of Four thousand seven hundred and Congress  
seven 50/100 Dollars for land taken to widen Congress Street, the street.  
same when taken belonging to Benj. Adams, Esquire, upon his giv-  
ing to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and  
discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of  
said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation  
for unliquidated claims for laying out and widening Street.

Whereas L. W. Smalley has given Bradley  
notice to the Board of his intention to erect buildings on Bradley Street.  
Street in the said City; and, in the opinion of the Board, the street.  
safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said  
street should be widened at the place described in the said notice,



116. it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the said  
Board that this Board intend to widen the street before mention-  
ed, by taking a part of the land now about to be built upon as  
aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street - and that  
Monday the fourth day of April next at four o'clock P.M. is  
assigned as the time for hearing any objection which may be  
made thereto.

Tuckerman  
vs. City of

Whereas this Board, by a Resolve  
passed the thirteenth day of November last took a certain piece  
of land, therein described, lying on Temple Street and laid out the  
same as a public street or way of said City, it is therefore Ordered,  
That due notice be given to William S. Tuckerman and all other  
persons interested as owners, proprietors, tenants, occupants, or  
shareholders, in said land that they cut off, pull down, remove  
and carry away all buildings, erections and obstructions of  
every sort standing on and projecting over the line of said Tem-  
ple Street, as established by the Resolve aforesaid, or move and  
set back the same to the said line, and vacate and surren-  
der the land and premises taken as aforesaid on or before the  
twenty eighth day of April now next ensuing. And in default  
thereof, the City Marshal is hereby directed and empowered forth-  
with to enter upon said land and cause all buildings, erec-  
tions and obstructions standing on and projecting over the line  
of said Temple Street, as established by the Resolve aforesaid,  
to be cut off, pulled down, removed and carried away, or to be  
moved and set back to said line, and the said land to be vaca-  
ted and surrendered under the direction of the Committee on  
Laying out and widening Streets.

The board proceeded by ballot to 117 March 31. 1851

the choice of Assistant Assessors, and the following named persons were elected, viz: Ward 1. John B. Wells. Thomas Mair. Assessors.

2. Ebenezer Atkins. Daniel L. Kelly

3. Osmyn Brewster. John Bacon.

4. William Denton. Jabez C. Howe.

5. Kim Gordin. Frederick Grover.

6. Charles Frederick Adams. John G. Davis.

7. Nathaniel Mitchell. Joseph W. Merriam.

8. Otis Rich. Samuel Millard.

9. James Tuttle. John G. Roberts.

10. Fitz James Price. John Tirrell

11. George Palmer. William Lincoln.

12. Timothy Bedlington. William B. Harding.

Thereby nonconcurring with the Common Council in the election of Guy C. Payne from Ward #2. - Samuel V. Babcock from Ward #7. Greenleaf C. Sanborn from Ward #9. and Gen. Nichols from Ward #10. - and concurring in the election of the others sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, A. M.



April 1, 1851

## At a Special Meeting of the

Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Tuesday the first day of April, Anno Domini, 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Holbrook and Kimball.

Briggs.  
K. Street

Petition of E. & A. Briggs for leave

to run their fence across the street on the north side of First Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Hunt

Petition of William Hunt of Hook and Ladder Company No. 2, East Boston for leave to resign. Accepted.

Bugbee

Petition of W. T. Bugbee, Assistant Fireman of Engine Company No. 12, to resign on account of leaving the City. Accepted.

Kimball  
et al.

On the Report of the Chief Engineer requesting that William B. Kimball, Chas. E. Deane, Geo. A. Hyde, William A. Minnam, John Farron, Isaac A. Durgin and William B. Hustin, may be discharged from the Fire Department; Voted, unanimously, that the above named individuals be discharged from the Boston Fire Department.

Hydant  
Co. No. 2.

On the return of the election of Assistant Fireman of Hydant Company No. 2. Voted, and the Board do not approve of said election and that the Mayor be requested to issue his order for a new election.

Chief  
Engineer

On the report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department respecting the order of the Board passed March 24<sup>th</sup>. Ordered that the Com<sup>rs</sup> of the Fire Department be requested to report on the communications referred to in the Engineers report as impracticable.  
Adjourned.

At a Special Meeting of the Board  
of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall  
on Wednesday the second day of June, Anno Domini 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Ordered, That the sum of  
twenty five dollars, &c and the same is hereby deducted from  
the apportionment laid upon the estate of Henry Lee, for his proportional  
part of the cost of constructing the common sewer in State Street;  
he having paid that amount for an entry into said sewer two  
months previous to the relaying the same.

The vote of this board,  
recommitting the order establishing the salaries of the City and  
County officers, was reconsidered, and the order was amended &  
laid upon the Table.

Petition of Gilman Page, others,  
for a common sewer in a new street at the South part of the City,  
called Church street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

The Committee on Licenses, to  
whom was referred the petition of Mark Hinckley, to be restored to  
the day police, reported, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw  
his petition. Read and accepted.

Ira Banfield, John S. Jacobs, and  
Edward Andrews, members of Hydrant Company No. 1 were discharged  
from the Fire Department, at their own request.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock P. M.



Thursday April 3<sup>d</sup> 1851. Messrs.

Common Council for said No 3 appeared attended by Mr. Jewell and the several oaths required by law, were administered to them, said members elect by the Mayor.

April 7. 1851.

At a Special Meeting of the board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the Seventh day of April, Anno Domini. 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Constable.

Francis Tukey was nominated and appointed a Constable of the City of Boston, for one year. - He gave bond, and took the oath required by law.

Adjourned to Monday next four o'clock, P.M.

April 7. 1851.

At a Meeting of the board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the Seventh day of April, Anno Domini. 1851.

Present

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Order.

Petition of Thomas Cordis for the abatement of an assessment for a common sewer.

in Third Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and

Drains.

April 7. 1851

Petition of Samuel S. Lewis, and Lewis  
others to the Legislature, and the order of notice thereon for leave to  
to purchase the east water ferry, and carry on the same with  
a capital of Three hundred thousand dollars. Referred to the Com-  
mittee on Streets.

Petition of the Perkins Institution Perkins  
and Asylum for the Blind, to have H. and Fourth streets, around Institution.  
their premises, laid out and finished. Referred to the Committee on Par-  
ing.

The Common Council having cho- Assistant  
sen Guy C. Haynes, for Ward 2. Nathaniel Mitchell, Ward 7. Green- Assistant  
leaf C. Sanborn, Ward 9. and Henry Nichols, Ward 10. as Assistant Af-  
fairs. Came up for concurrence. This board proceeded to a choice by  
ballot and it appeared that George Atkins for Ward 2, James Little  
for Ward 9. and John Tirrell, for Ward 10. were elected, the board  
adhering to their former vote. Sent down for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Thomas Lamb, Lamb.  
and others against the granting and filling up certain lands Light  
between the Navy Yard in Charlestown and the Malden bridge.  
Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on the Harbour. Sent  
down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

The Auditor of Accounts Appropriations  
communication stating that additions to the following appropriations  
are needed, viz: Fire Department, Lamps and Schools. Read and  
referred with the accompanying documents to the Committee on Fi-  
nance. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.



March 7, 1851

## Order of the Common Council,

During the petition of Patrick McManus and another that the city assume the defence of a suit against the petitioner, to Messrs. Allen, Putnam and Sever, with such as the board of Mayor and Aldermen might join, with full power. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and Aldermen Briggs and Smith were joined.

Harbour

Master

The board proceeded by ballot to the choice of Harbour Master, and the votes being taken, it appeared that George F. Jewkesbury was chosen in concurrence with the Common Council.

Eddy

Deacon St.

Petition of Caleb Eddy, and others, to have the name of Deacon street changed to Sudbury street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Newhall

Petition of D. B. Newhall and others, to have a part of said street repaired. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Smalley

Boylston St.

Order of notice to G. W. Smalley, that the city intends to widen Boylston street. And now said Smalley having communicated his objections to the proposed widening, the same was referred to the Committee on Streets.

Rice

Petition of Lewis Rice, and others, to have a narrow street opened west of Union Street and the sidewalk widened. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Johnson

Petition of Carl W. Johnson, for leave to construct coal holes under the sidewalk on Lindall and Congress streets. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Jellen C. and others 123 April 7, 1881  
to have a nuisance abated in a dangerous way from Merchants  
Row. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of Otis N. Marston, to have Marston  
a lamp placed and lighted on the corner of Malden street &  
Malden place. Referred to the Committee on Streets

Ebenezer Kinfield's license to keep Intelligence  
an Intelligence office. - Renewed. Office.

Petition of John H. Thorndike, and Thorndike  
others, to have a Police officer in and about Oliver Place, to  
cause the peace to be kept. Referred to the Mayor.

The Port Physician made his quar- Port  
terly report of the number of immigrant passengers and the num- Physician  
ber of sick landed on Deer Island. Referred to the Committee on  
Internal health.

Ordered, That Aldermen Rogers, Fire  
Holbrook and Smith, with such as the Common Council may Department  
join, be a Joint Special Committee to report the draft of a new  
ordinance for establishing a Fire Department and preventing and  
extinguishing fires, with a view to the reorganization of said de-  
partment and adapting the same to the present wants & interests  
of the City as affected by the introduction of high-pressure water and  
other causes. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred and  
the Common Council appointed on its part, Alfred Haskell, Alfred  
Sera, Shuckford and Hearn.



April 7<sup>th</sup> 1851.

The Committee on the Fire Department, to whom are referred the petition of the East Boston Iron Pipe and Gas Company, for leave to lay pipes for gas as it may become necessary, reported, that said petition be referred to the Committee on Paving, with full power. Read accepted and referred accordingly.

New Jail  
Dock

The committee on the New Jail, to whom was referred the petition of W<sup>th</sup> Chamberlin and Thomas P. Foster, asking to have the city excavate the dock to the city's wharf, near the new jail, recommend that they be authorized to cause the necessary excavations asked for in said petition to be done. Read and accepted.

Dover  
Street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Common Sewers be and he is hereby directed to extend the common sewer in Dover Street to the channel under South Tree Bridge, in conformity with the plan adopted by the Mayor & Aldermen July 15, 1850. and the expense thereof be charged to the appropriation for Internal health.

Weston  
Street.

Ordered, That the board accept & adopt the grade of Weston Street, between Suffolk and Tremont streets as proposed by the City Engineer and shown on a plan of said grade by said Engineer dated April 7, 1851 and deposited in the office of the Mayor and Aldermen; the said grade being in conformity with a Resolve passed by the Council Nov<sup>r</sup> 11, 1850.

Engine 6<sup>th</sup>

N<sup>o</sup> 15.

James

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the petition of Engine 6<sup>th</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 15, to have Henry Holmes discharged from said company, reported, that he be discharged. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Paving, to 125  
whom was referred the petition of Winthrop Ward asking permission  
to place an Iron Grating on sidewalk in front of No. 125 Win-  
thrup Street for the purpose of admitting light and air, voted  
that the prayer of the petitioner be granted on condition that said  
grating shall not project from the building over 18 inches. For the Com-  
mittee Billings Briggs Read and accepted.

Upon the petition of Timothy Bar: Engine  
number Francis A. Ford, Fra B. Carrière, Francis Hull, Jr. George Haul G. A. 12  
leg. William Capeland, Orlando Marshall, Wm C. Lott, Andrew  
Wilcutt Austin Arnold, Thomas B. White H. S. Huffer, C. P. Hughes,  
William Turner Jr. Samuel Stubb, Thomas H. Evans, Robert D. Griggs,  
John H. Veal, James C. Nelson, John H. Baker, John B. Thiny, Hamil-  
ton J. Marshall, Augustus Clark. Members of Engine Company  
No. 12. asking for an honorable discharge; Ordered that the mem-  
bers of Engine Company number twelve whose names are mention-  
ed in a petition presented this day be discharged.

Ordered, That Warrants be is- Ward  
sued for meetings of the legal voters of the City of Boston in their meetings  
several wards on Monday the fourteenth day of April instant  
at 12 o'clock, then and there to give in their ballots for a Register  
of Deeds for the County of Suffolk, who shall hold his office for  
five years next ensuing his said election. The Polls to be kept  
open until four o'clock.

The Joint Special Committee to Shauwmut  
whom was referred the petition of the Shauwmut Congregational & Evangelical  
Society, have attended to their duty and submit the following Report



126 The petitioners are a Religious Society formed under the auspices  
of the City Mission Society to which the City made a grant of  
April 7, 1851. the land in question one year since. At the time of the  
grant a deduction was made from the minimum price of the  
lands of ten cents per foot, amounting to One thousand dollars.  
This was upon the understanding that the Society should build  
a wooden Chapel thereupon, and it was also proposed to make a  
further deduction of ten cents per foot if they should build a  
brick Chapel within three years. This they were unable to do.  
The City executed a bond to convey the land to the Society up-  
on the payment of Five thousand dollars and interest until  
paid the principal being payable in annual instalments of  
ten per cent. The time was subsequently extended. The interest  
until January 1. 1851. has been paid and One thousand dollars  
of the principal leaving Four thousand dollars due upon the bond.  
The Society expended about Three thousand five hundred dollars  
in the erection of their present Chapel. Their funds are deriv-  
ed from a bequest made to them for certain specified purposes,  
the interest of which they may expend, but, they do not conceive  
it in their power to dispose of the principal in the erection of a  
church. The petitioners desire, and the Society have consented  
to the same, to erect a substantial Church upon the site of  
the Chapel. They are however, few, and have little means for  
such an object. The streets are willing to transfer to the petitioners  
the land upon payment to them of Four thousand Six hundred  
dollars in five years without interest. The Missionary Society have  
expended as follows: Paid to the City on land \$1000.

Interest 11440  
for Chapel 3500 = \$ 5940

not including the interest upon the various payments to the present 127  
time. The present worth of \$4,600 payable in five years is \$3,538.46, the  
debt, and thus making a sacrifice of \$1,061.54. They are willing  
to convey their interest to the petitioners if the City will release  
their bond. If the prayer of the petition shall be granted the  
petitioners believe they can obtain such assistance as will enable  
them, together with their own means to build a Church, costing  
from \$15,000 to \$20,000, and such a Church as the prospective  
growth of the South End demands. But they are unable to do  
this and pay full price for the land. They therefore ask the City  
to release their bond. The simple question presented is, then would  
the pecuniary interest of the City be advanced sufficiently to war-  
rant the release of this bond? or would the erection of a substan-  
tial Church upon the site proposed, so much enhance the value  
of the property of the City in that locality, as to make it expedi-  
ent to grant the prayer of the petition? The proprietors of lands  
in Lowell, Lawrence and Andover, as well as Land Corporations  
in and about this City, reserved certain lots for Church lots,  
and besides giving the lands, have often given other aid, and  
in some cases have built the Churches themselves. In laying  
out the public lands of the United States, lots have always  
been reserved for Colleges, Schools, and Churches. Such reserva-  
tions have been also made by Massachusetts in her public  
lands, lying in Maine. In the original laying out of New-  
England towns, lots were reserved for Churches, and also a  
Parsonage lots for the ministers of the parishes, towns being then  
parishes. Ward Eleven at the last Census, June 1<sup>st</sup> 1850, contained  
Inhabitants, 10,480. Inhabited houses, 2325. Families, 3819. Within  
the limits of the Ward were, a Catholic Church, on Northampton

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Street, a Catholic Church, Suffolk Street Unitarian Chapel, Suffolk Street, German Lutheran Chapel, Suffolk Street, Methodist Church, Suffolk Street, Unitarian Chapel, Garden Street, and the Chapel in question. There is no large Church now built near the City Grounds almost in the centre of which is the site of the Church proposed. It was in evidence before the Committee, that the Chapels were small and that a great objection to a South End residence is the want of suitable and commodious Churches. The Catholic Church in Northampton Street attracts to its vicinity, a population which if increased, will not enhance the value of the City Grounds. The great influx of foreigners now occupying the central parts of the City, compels many citizens to seek a residence more remote from the business streets, - to keep these within the limits of the City should be the policy of the City Council. The present and future prosperity of the City imperatively demands that no pains be spared to attract and retain within our borders the substantial citizens who come here to do their business and make their fortunes. In the Auditor's Report it appears that about 1,250 acres of land belonging to the City, exclusive of Streets, Squares, and reserved lots amounted to more than five and one half millions feet; they now amount to more than five millions feet, and their value at the lowest estimate is now more than two millions of dollars. The Committee are of opinion, that the erection of an elegant and substantial Church such as the petitioners propose to build will be a sufficient pecuniary advantage to the City to justify granting the prayer of the petition. The rise in the value of the lands of 1/10 of a mill per foot would more than compensate the City for the grant; these lands are now in the market,

and the erection of the Church in question it is believed would 129  
materially enhance their value. They accordingly recommend  
the adoption of the following order. For the Committee. Henry April 7, 1881  
Read and accepted, and the following order, being a sub-  
stitute for the one reported by the Committee, was adopted by this  
Board; Ordered That the Mayor is hereby authorized to release  
to the City Missionary Society, a Bond now held by the City against  
said Society, and to convey to the said Society or their appointees,  
the land mentioned in said bond, whenever said Society or their  
appointees shall give a good and sufficient bond to erect upon  
said lot a substantial Church of brick or stone, within one year  
from the first day of July next, costing not less than \$15,000 - under  
a penalty and forfeiture to the City of four thousand dollars - Said  
deed being upon this condition, that said Society or their appointees  
shall never alienate or lease the same, or any part thereof, except  
upon the payment to the City of fifty cents per foot, for any and all  
such portion alienated; and if the sum that thus may become due  
the City shall amount to over One thousand dollars, the said So-  
ciety, or their appointees shall be allowed therefrom One thousand  
dollars which has already been paid on said land. Sent down  
for concurrence. Same up concurred.

The Joint Special Committee Board  
of the City Council, to whom was referred the order of March 24<sup>th</sup> the Mayor  
requiring them to consider and report what amount, if any, should be paid  
for the rent of rooms at South Boston now occupied by the Mount Washington Guards, beg leave respectfully to report that  
they have considered the subject referred to them and submit the  
subjoined Order to their consideration. In Senate of the Committee,  
Henry B. Rogers, Chairman. Ordered, That there be allowed and



130. paid to the Mount Washington Guards of South Boston, the sum  
of two hundred dollars in full for all claims and demands upon  
April 9, 1851 the City for use as an armory or place of deposit for their arms  
and equipments to the first day of April next: also, Ordered, that  
there be allowed and paid to said Company at the rate of one  
hundred dollars per annum from the first day of April next,  
in full for the rent of the armory occupied by them: said sum  
being considered by this Board as sufficient for the purpose of  
providing a suitable place of deposit to the arms of said Com-  
pany as contemplated in the 2<sup>d</sup> section of the 42<sup>d</sup> Chapter of the  
Statutes of 1840. And that said sum be paid quarterly, until  
such time as the Committee on Public Buildings shall provide  
an armory for their use under an order of the City Council,  
now before said Committee. Passed in Common Council. Came  
up for concurrence. Read & concurred.

Hancock Ordered That the following  
Engine persons being members of the Hancock Engine Company number  
Boston Boston viz. Moses S. Webster, Charles S. Wells, M. S. Gilby, John S. Boston  
Arthur S. Rogers, Andrew S. Simpson, Alfred S. Rogers, Charles S. Rogers,  
George S. Rogers, Washington S. Rogers, Charles S. Rogers, William  
Rogers, S. S. Rogers, John S. Rogers, Silman Rogers, Christopher S.  
Mills, William S. Adams, Richard Hunnewell, Sylvanus Sylvester,  
George Drew Jr. Elijah S. Ham, James Quinn and Charles B. Searing,  
be discharged at their own request.

Shaw Whereas, in the opinion of  
Washington the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants re-  
spect require that Washington Street should be widened near the cor-  
ner of Suffolk Place, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due  
notice be given to the Hon. Samuel Shaw that this Board intend

to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a part of the 131.  
land now owned by him on said street, and laying out the  
same as a public street and that Monday, the <sup>fourteenth</sup> day April 7 1851  
of April current at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time  
for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Whereas Oliver Jenny, has Jenny  
given notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on <sup>Miner</sup>  
Miner street, in the said City; and in the opinion of the street  
Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants re-  
quire that the said street should be widened at the place  
described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That  
due notice be given to the said Jenny that this Board intend  
to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a part of the  
land now about to be built upon as aforesaid, and laying out  
the same as a public street and that Monday, the <sup>fourteenth</sup>  
day of April current at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the  
time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Notice was received from the Independence  
Common Council that they had nonconcurred with this board  
in the order appointing a Joint Committee on celebrating the  
fourth of July. Read and this board adhered to its former vote.  
Sent down for concurrence.

The Pine Street Congregational Pine Street  
Society gave notice of their intention to extend the line of their Society  
estate. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Ordered, That the sum <sup>of</sup>  
of twenty dollars, be and the same is hereby deducted from the B. Street



132 assessment laid upon an estate in B. street, owned by Mrs. Ed-  
April 7, 1851 ward Gaults, for her proportional part of the cost of constructing a  
common sewer in B. street. Said sum of twenty dollars hav-  
ing been previously paid to the City for the privilege of entering  
the old common sewer in said street.

Petition of Earl W. Johnson, for  
permission to close the end of Kindall street during the erection of  
a building on Congress and Kindall streets. Referred to the Com-  
mittee on Streets.

Dowley. Whereas Levi A. Dowley has given  
notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on Broad  
and Purchase streets, in the said City; and, in the opinion of the  
Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require  
that Atkinson Street should be continued through to Broad Street  
at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby  
Ordered, That due notice be given to the said Dowley that this  
Board intend to continue Atkinson Street through to Broad Street  
before mentioned, by taking a part of the land now about to be  
built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public  
street, and that Monday, the fourteenth day of April current  
at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any ob-  
jections which may be made thereto.

Ely Communication from the  
Chief Engineer of the Fire Department enclosing a communi-  
cation from David Chamberlain, Foreman of Hydrant Company No. 2,  
requesting that Horatio Ely, be discharged from said Company,  
for personal abuse to said Foreman. Referred to the Committee  
on the Fire Department.

Petition of William L. Champ 133  
Fireman of Engine Company No 1 for an honorable discharge. *April 7 1851*  
Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Communication from B. F. Newell  
and others, members of the Fire Department, East Boston, of-  
fering their services as Firemen in case of emergency. Referred  
to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Petition of the Chief Engine Fire  
Department, requesting a reduction of the Department.  
number and material of the Fire Department. Referred to the  
Committee on the Fire Department.

The City Solicitor gave his opinion  
in respecting numbering of buildings in the street highways. *Numbering buildings*  
Referred to the Committee on changing names of Streets, with full  
power.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock P. M.



At a Special Meeting of the board  
 of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall  
 on Wednesday the Ninth day of April, Anno Domini, 1851.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Kimball,  
 Munroe and Smith.

Resolved

That

the following communication from the United States Marshal,

U.S. Marshal

The Mayor laid before the board  
 the following communication from the United States Marshal,  
 in the District of Massachusetts: vizt. U.S. Marshal's Office, Boston  
 April 7 1851. Gentlemen Should Thomas Sims the alleged fugitive  
 now in custody be remanded it is of the greatest import-  
 ance to the execution of the laws of the United States, that a  
 portion of the police and watch force of the City, who have been  
 on duty, during the trial, should be allowed to accompany him,  
 and aid in transporting him to the State from which he escaped.  
 The men are entirely ready to perform this duty. The greatest  
 portion of the men might return in a day or two and only a  
 very few and perhaps none of them would be required to ac-  
 company him the whole distance. I should especially desire the  
 assistance of those officers who have aided the Deputies who  
 have immediate custody of the fugitive. Your obedient servant  
 and Devens, Jr. U.S. Marshal. To the Mayor and Aldermen of  
 the City of Boston. Received. That in view of the claims of the  
 City upon the police and watch force at this time, it would not  
 be expedient or proper to allow them or any portion of them to  
 leave the City, as desired by Marshal Devens.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the board of 135

Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Boston, held at City Hall on April 11 1851  
Monday the Fourteenth day of April, Anno Domini, 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

The Committee on Faneuil Market  
Hall Market invite the attention of the board of Mayor and Aldermen to a communication from the clerk of the Market and a petition to the Legislature on the subject of a change in the Market regulations. Referred to the Committee on the Market, with full power.

Petition of Benjamin Jones, to Jones  
be employed to water Charles Street, from Beacon to Boylston Hall  
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Order of notice on the intention to build of Oliver Jenny on Atkinson Street. — Jenny  
and now no objection being made the same was referred to the Committee on Streets.

The order of notice to Levi A. Lowley  
Lowley, of the intention of this Board to continue Atkinson Street through to Broad Street which passed by the same was committed to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Benjamin James, James  
and others, to have Dorchester street graded, between Fourth and Seventh streets. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Charles F. Surgee for Surgee  
leave to set out trees in front of his house N. 739. Washington street.  
Referred to the Committee on Paving.



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Maul.

Petition of Winthrop Ward, and others,  
to have Purchase street graded. Referred to the Committee on Faring

Central

Ordered, That the Committee on

Square

widening streets is requested to consider the subject of accepting  
Central Square, East Boston.

Fire

Communication from the Chief Engi-

Department

ner of the Fire Department respecting pay of members discharged  
from the department. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Depart-  
ment.

Peters.

Petition of Edward D. Peters, and

Higgin.

others and James A. Higgin and others, residents at the South part  
of the city, against substituting a Horse carriage for the Suffolk  
Engine. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Graham

Communication from Horace G.

Engine N<sup>o</sup> 10

Graham, and others, offering their services to fill vacancies in  
Engine Company N<sup>o</sup> 10. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Depart-  
ment.

Howe.

Petition of John Howe, and others, to

Engine N<sup>o</sup> 10

have Engine N<sup>o</sup> 10 remain in and near its present location.  
Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Munroe

Petition of Washington Munroe, for

liberty to drain the water closet or vault across and under the  
side walk in Deacon street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers  
and Drains.

Brigham

Petition of Nahum Brigham, for a

license to keep swine. Referred to the Committee on Internal health.

Petition of W. E. Blanchard, and 137. <sup>April 14 1851</sup>  
others, to have a common sewer laid in Washington and to connect  
-nect with that in Dover street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers  
and Drains.

Petition of Rufus Burns for some Burns  
compensation for the damage he sustained at a fire in Madison  
street. Referred to the Mayor.

On the request of William L. Champney  
Champney, foreman of Engine Co. No. 1 for a discharge from the Fire  
Department, the Committee reported that he be discharged according-  
-ly. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Licenses, after Whiting  
hearing the parties in the case of William J. Whiting, a Police officer,  
respecting an execution against him, reported, that no further ac-  
-tion be had on said subject. Read and accepted.

City Physician's quarterly report City  
brought up from the Common Council. Read and placed on file. Physician

The Committee on Laying out Fells  
and widening Streets, recommend that the side walk on the east street.  
side of Fells street, below the Chapel for the Poor, be widened eighteen  
inches, for the convenience of the public. Read and accepted.

Ordered, That the City Clerk Marsh.  
give notice to Robert Marsh, whenever any permits are granted side holes.  
for the erection of coal holes under sidewalks, agreeable to an  
order passed the board of Mayor and Aldermen September 2<sup>d</sup> 1850



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Jacob C. Hurlage, and John W. Clark,  
Watchmen were nominated and appointed Watchmen.

Port

The Committee on Internal health  
Physician reported that no action is necessary on the quarterly report of the  
Port Physician. Read and accepted.

Mount

Washington  
Guard  
Petition of the Mount Washing-  
ton Guard concerning an Ironer. Referred to the Committee  
on Public Buildings, with full power. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Miller

School

Order of the Common Council,  
regarding the report of the School Committee, respecting the accommo-  
dation of the Miller School, to the Joint Committee on Public Build-  
ings. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Endicott

School.

Order of the Common Council, re-  
ferring the communication from the School Committee respecting  
ventilation &c. of the Endicott School, to the Joint Committee on Pub-  
lic Buildings. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

School

Committee

Independence

Resolution of the School Committee,  
that in the opinion of said Board it is inexpedient for the pupils  
of the Public Schools to join in a procession on the morning of the  
day in celebrating the anniversary of our National Independence.  
Came up from the Common Council. Read and placed on file.

Lewis

East Boston

Levy

Order of the Common Council, refer-  
ring the petition to the Legislature and the order of notice there-  
on of Lewis with his associates, to the East Boston Law Com-  
pany, to Messrs. Allen, Cummings and Jewell, with such as the

board of Mayor and Aldermen might join. Came up for con- 134.  
-urrence. Read and concurred, and Aldermen Kimball and Washburn  
were joined. April 14. 1851

The ballots being taken for three  
members of the Kochituate Water Board, it appeared that Thomas  
Morse, Henry B. Rogers and John A. Kimball, Jonathan Pea-  
son, Samuel A. Eliot and John T. Heard were elected in concur-  
-rence with the Common Council.

Ordered, That the Superinten- Central  
-dent of Common Sewers, be and he is hereby directed to cause a Square  
culvert and drain to be constructed on Central Square, East Boston  
to connect with the common sewer in Central Square, for the  
draining of the surface water.

Whereas Levi A. Dowley has given Dowley  
notice to this board of his intention to erect buildings on Purchase Purchase St.  
and Broad Streets in the said City; and, in the opinion of the  
Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require  
that the said streets should be widened at the place described  
in the said notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice  
be given to the said Dowley that this Board intend to widen  
the street before mentioned, by taking a part of the land now  
about to be built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the same  
as a public street and that Monday, the twenty first day of  
April current, at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time  
for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintend- Cambridge  
-ent of Streets be authorized to repair Cambridge street from Grove Street.  
to Centre street and make all necessary alterations in the grade



1110 of the side walk and to construct cesspools to take off the surface  
April 14, 1851. water into the common sewer.

Frothingham

Whereas, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that Washington Street should be widened at the corner of said Street and Suffolk Place, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to Nathaniel G. Frothingham and wife that this Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a parcel of land belonging to himself and wife, and laying out the same as a public Street - and that Monday, the twenty first day of April current at four o'clock P. M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Grove St:  
Cambridge  
Street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Common Sewers, be, and he is hereby authorized to connect the common sewer in Grove Street with the common sewer in Cambridge Street, and also to construct cesspools in Cambridge Street near Grove Street.

Livingston

Street

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair Livingston Street and side walks from Brighton to North Charles Streets, and to construct a cesspool to take off the surface water into the common sewer.

Jurves

Washington St:

Ordered, That there be paid to G. Jurves, trustee, the sum of Two thousand Dollars for land taken to widen Washington Street, on the corner of Norfolk Place, upon his giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking, & that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out & widening Streets.

Ordered, That the sum of fifty 141. April 14, 1851

dollars and sixty two cents, be and the same is hereby deducted from the assessment laid upon the estate of the Heirs of James Allen, for their proportional part of the cost of constructing the common sewer in Broad Street and Washington Avenue, and it is further Ordered, that said sum of fifty dollars and sixty two cents be and the same is hereby assessed upon the estate owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Brewer on Purchase Street for her proportional part of the cost thereof.

On the petition of Mabel Eddy, Eddy  
and others, the Committee on laying out and widening streets Deacon  
read the accompanying Order. For the Committee, Henry B. Rogers, Sudbury  
Chairman. Ordered that the name of Deacon Street, leading from Street.  
Portland to Merrimac Street, be discontinued, and that the same  
be hereafter considered as a continuation of Sudbury Street and  
known by the name of Sudbury Street. Read, accepted and the  
order passed.

Petition of W. W. Fletcher, and four Fletcher,  
hundred others, to have several streets at South Boston lighted Gas  
with gas Referred to the joint Special Committee on Gas Sent to Boston.  
down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

The Committee on Faneuil Hall Market  
Market, to whom was referred the petition of sundry occupants cellars  
of cellars, for damages sustained by the tide water entering the  
same during the severe storm of March 22<sup>d</sup>. Report: That the  
City is not liable therefore. And further remark that the rent re-  
ceived for the cellars have always been regarded as very low,  
and in view thereof the Committee recommend that the peti-



142. - lions have leave to withdraw. M. Grant for the Committee: Read

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Streets

numbered

Ordered, That the numbering of

the buildings and lots on Clement Street, Carter, Bayette & Avery  
streets as reported by Mr. George Adams, and herewith annexed,  
marked A. be adopted.

Appropriations.

The Committee on Finance have

considered the Auditor's communication of the 7<sup>th</sup> instant, and re-  
spectfully report the annexed Order for adoption by the City Council.  
For the Committee John P. Bigelow. Chairman. Ordered, That the fol-  
lowing transfers of existing appropriations be made, viz<sup>t</sup>. - Add to  
County of Suffolk, Fifteen hundred dollars; to Fire Department, Four-  
teen hundred dollars; to House of Industry, Seventeen hundred  
dollars; to Lamps, Fifteen hundred dollars; to Schools, Four hun-  
dred dollars, and that said amounts be withdrawn from Internal  
Health, Gas Fixtures and Reserve Fund. Ordered, also, that the  
Auditor be authorized to make such further transfers as may  
be needed to close up the business of the present financial year.  
Read accepted and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence.  
Came up concurred.

Assistant

Assessors

The ballots being taken for Assistant

Assessors, it appeared that Greenleaf C. Timbom and Henry Nichols  
were elected in concurrence: and Nathaniel Seaver for Ward No 2  
instead of Guy W. Thayer therein nonconcurring with the Common  
Council sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred, the Com-  
mon Council having elected Nathaniel Seaver for Ward No 2.

Water to

Resolved, That the Cockituate Water

State - Union

Board be and they hereby are authorized to permit the Board

2 Inspectors of the State Prison in Charlestown to connect with the 143  
Water pipe belonging to the City in Charlestown, pipes for the pur- April 14, 1851  
-pose of taking water therefrom, and conveying the same to the  
said Prison, for the use of the said Prison, the said work to be  
done under the direction of the said Water Board, and at the  
expense of the said Board of Inspectors, upon condition however,  
that the said Water Board, or City Council, shall always have  
the right to cut off the supply of water from the said pipes,  
whenever they may deem the interest of the City requires it;  
and that the said Board of Inspectors shall pay a water rate  
not less, in amount, than those established by the Ordinances of  
the City in relation to Water Rates. Read and passed. Sent down  
for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Resolved, That the Cochituate Mass: Genl  
Water Board be and they hereby are authorized to permit the Hospital.  
Massachusetts General Hospital to connect with the water pipe McLean  
belonging to the City in Charlestown sufficient pipes for the pur- Asylum  
-pose of taking water therefrom and conveying the same to the  
McLean Asylum for the Insane for the use of said Asylum. The  
said work to be done under the direction of the said Water  
Board, and at the expense of said Hospital. Upon condition  
however that the said Water Board, or City Council, shall always  
have the right to cut off the supply of water from said pipes  
whenever they shall deem the interest of the City requires it  
and that the said Hospital shall pay a water rate not less, in  
amount than those established by the Ordinances of the City in  
relation to Water Rates. Read and passed. Sent down for concurrence.  
Came up concurred.



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2 hour.

On the order of notice to Samuel

Shaw of an intent to widen Washington Street, near Suffolk Place, and no person appearing to object to the same. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Independence

This board recedes from its former votes in the order appointing a Committee on the subject of celebrating the anniversary of American Independence, and concurs in the original order of the Common Council and passed the same without amendment; and the Mayor & Aldermen Higgs & Kimball were added to the Com<sup>ee</sup> on the part of this board.

Smith

Petition of George G. Smith, & others,

for the use of Faneuil Hall, on the seventeenth day of April 1851, for the purpose of a public reception of the Honorable Daniel Webster, and to consult on the public good. On said application the following preamble and resolve were passed viz: Upon the petition of George G. Smith, and others for the use of Faneuil Hall, for a public meeting on the seventeenth instant; Resolved, that in view of the recent action of this board upon other similar applications and of the present excited state of the public mind it is inexpedient to grant the use of the Hall for the purposes asked for.

Adjourned to Wednesday next, nine o'clock A.M.

At a Special meeting of the  
Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City  
Hall on Tuesday the Fifteenth day of April, Anno Domini, 1851.

1145.

April 15, 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

A motion was made that this  
Board reconsider its vote on the petition of George W. Smith, and others,  
for the use of Samuel Hall, on the Seventeenth instant, for the purpose  
asked for. Ordered, That the question of reconsideration be taken by  
yeas and nays, and the same were taken accordingly, vizt. Yeas  
The Mayor, Aldermen Rogers, Holbrook and Smith, four. Nays, Al-  
dermen Briggs, Grant, Munroe and Clark, four. Alderman Kim-  
ball declined voting. So said motion did not prevail.

Smith.

Samuel

Hall

Adjourned to Wednesday next, tomorrow, nine o'clock, A. M.

At a meeting of the Board  
of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall  
on Wednesday the Sixteenth day of April, Anno Domini 1851

April 16, 1851

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Holbrook  
and Munroe.

The Board proceeded to the ex-  
amination of the returns of votes, given in on Monday last for  
a Register of Deeds for the County of Suffolk for the year 1850  
and found them to be as recorded in the true list for said

Register

of Deeds



146 purpose. - Henry Hline had a majority of votes.

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Babbitt.

Petition of Isaac Babbitt, and others, for the abatement of a nuisance. Referred to the Committee on Internal health.

Salaries.

Order establishing the Salaries of the City and County officers, was taken up, considered & passed in concurrence with the Common Council, with sundry amendments. Sent down for concurrence.

Appropriations.

The orders respecting the appropriations, all laying a tax, and specifying the Ways and Means to meet the various appropriations, - were taken up and considered.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P.M.

April 21. 1851.

At a meeting of the board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the Twenty first day of April Anno Domini, 1851.  
Present

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Holbrook.

Smith

Council

Hall.

Robert

Alderman Rogers offered the following Resolves which were unanimously adopted; - Resolved, that this Board, in their action on the application of George G. Smith and others for the use of Faneuil Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> instant, were actuated by motives growing out of their past action in

reference to said Hall and of the state of the public mind in  
relation to exciting political questions, and by no feelings of hostility April 21 1851  
ly or disrespect towards the applicants or the illustrious indi-  
vidual whom they intended to honor; And, however much they  
may have erred in judgement on the occasion, and however  
deeply they regret the inferences which have been drawn from  
their action in this case, they feel called upon to assert and  
maintain the right of this Board to independent action, under  
the City Charter, upon all questions properly brought before  
them and, in a spirit of calmness and self respect, must pro-  
test against any legislative act of censure by one branch  
of the City Government upon the other, as irregular, and calculat-  
ed to excite feelings and prejudices that must inevitably interfere  
with the proper and harmonious action of the two departments of  
this government and be productive of consequences injurious to the  
public interests. Resolved, that this Board concur with the Com-  
mon Council in raising a joint Committee to tender to the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Daniel Webster, in the name of the City Council, an invitation  
to meet and address his fellow citizens, at such time as he  
may elect; and that the use of Faneuil Hall be granted for  
the above purpose.

Ordered, That Messrs. Thompson, Jewell and Smith, with such as the Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
may join, be a Committee to tender to the Hon. Daniel Webster, in  
the name of the City Council of Boston, an invitation to meet and  
address his fellow citizens in Faneuil Hall at such time as he  
shall elect. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, by a  
unanimous vote and Aldermen Rogers, Holtbrink and Smith were  
joined.



April 21. 1851.

President  
of the  
United States.

Alderman Rogers offered the fol-

lowing preamble Resolve and Order, which were unanimously  
adopted viz. Whereas it has been publicly intimated that the Board  
has practically refused to join with the Common Council in in-  
viting the hospitality of the city to President Fillmore; and where-  
as the action of this Board, in laying upon the table an order  
from the other branch upon this subject took place at a time  
when the members were unaware of an intimation from any  
quarter of an intent, or wish, on the part of the President, to  
visit this part of the country, and had in view a subsequent  
and final action when such intent or wish should be made  
apparent, but the same, through mere inadvertence and the  
press of other important duties upon the time and attention of  
the Board, has been accidentally delayed: therefore, Resolved,  
that the Mayor and Aldermen, as a coordinate Branch of  
the City Government, do not yield to the other Branch in feelings  
of regard and respect for Millard Fillmore, the President of the  
United States and from the moment that his disposition to visit  
New England was made known to them, they have been, and  
are willing and desirous to afford him a proof of their respect-  
ful consideration, by uniting with the Common Council in  
inviting him, in the name of the Citizens, to the City of Boston  
at such time as may be most agreeable to him. Ordered,  
that this Board unanimously concur in the order of March  
6<sup>th</sup> last and that the whole Board, be joined to the Com-  
mittee appointed by the Common Council in reference to the  
same. The Order of March 6<sup>th</sup> attached to the foregoing order  
was taken from the table and passed unanimously, as follows, viz:  
Ordered, that the President of this Board and one member from

each Ward, with such as the Board of Mayor and Aldermen 149  
may join be a Committee with full power in behalf of the citizens of Boston to invite the President of the United States to visit this  
City at such time as may be most convenient to him and that  
the expense thereof be charged to the appropriation for incidental  
expenses and miscellaneous claims; and the following members on  
the part of this Board, were appointed said Committee: viz: John  
Hart, Ward 1. - Cabot, Ward 2. - Carter, Ward 3. - Lawrence, Ward 4. - Pratt,  
Ward 5. - Putnam, Ward 6. - Chapin, Ward 7. - Wright, Ward 8. - Erving, Ward 9.  
Bean, Ward 10. - Hale, Ward 11. and Smith, Ward 12. - Concurred, and the  
whole Board of Mayor and Aldermen were joined.

Alderman Kimball offered the Faneuil  
Hall.  
following preamble and resolve; - Whereas, a recent vote of this Board  
denying the use of Faneuil Hall to sundry persons has called forth  
resolutions of regret by one branch of the City Council, and whereas,  
the Board confidently believed, that upon a candid consideration  
of said vote, in connexion with votes previously passed, and the  
contingencies possibly incident upon the granting of said petition  
those who most loudly condemned the vote first referred to, would  
most strongly commend and acquiesce in it as indispensably  
necessary to prove the impartiality of this Board, therefore to avoid  
all future misapprehension in regard to applications for the use  
of Faneuil Hall, it is Resolved, That this board will invariably  
grant the use of Faneuil Hall, under the established regulations  
to any hundred legal tax paying citizens of Boston for any pub-  
lic meeting, except such, as in the opinion of the Mayor and  
Aldermen, may be for unlawful purposes, or inconsistent with good  
morals, and that at any such meetings ample Police force shall



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April 21 1851. be detailed for the maintenance of "trial order" at such meeting, provided however that the parties, or any number of them to whom the use of the Hall may be granted shall give satisfactory security for the payment for all expenses of such Police force as the Board may deem necessary. The foregoing having been read, were by consent of the mover, laid upon the table.

Thompson

Order of the Common Council, authorizing the Committee on Public Lands, or the Committee on Public Buildings, to engage the services of Newton S. Thompson Esq. a. to reside at any part of land: said Committee may order during the present year. Came up for concurrence. This board concurred which vote was afterwards reconsidered and laid on the table.

Ancient  
Honorable  
Artillery Co.

Petition of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company for the use of Faneuil Hall, and for permission to enclose a part of the Common, on the second day of June next, for celebrating their anniversary. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings on the part of this board.

Dexter,  
Carriage Order

Ordered, That Messrs. Dexter, Hixon and Carver be authorized to furnish carriages &c. for the use of the city government, whenever they may be ordered of them. Laid on the table.

City officers

Ordered, That the Ordinance passed December 28. 1850. entitled "An ordinance in relation to City officers," be and the same is hereby repealed. Read and laid upon the table.

Doctor Charles H. Medman's usiq = 151. April 21 1851

nation as Superintendent of the Boston Lunatic Hospital. Special Lunatic  
in common Council to the joint standing Committee on Institutions Lunatic  
at South Boston and Deer Island, to consider and report upon the  
expediency of such an alteration of the act establishing the Bos-  
ton Lunatic Hospital, as to make it the duty of the board of vis-  
itors of said Hospital to elect a Superintendent of the same. Came  
up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Report of the Superintendent Public  
of Public Buildings of the condition of public buildings. In Common Building  
Council read said on the table and ordered to be printed. Came  
up, read and placed on file.

Petition of Francis Jackson, and Jackson  
others for the use of Faneuil Hall on the 20th and 21st of Annual  
May next for Anti Slavery meetings. Received to the joint stand-  
ing Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence.  
Came up nonconcurred

Petition of Fittinger and Cook Fittinger  
for leave to take water from the pipes in Chade Street. Received to  
the Architect Water Board. Sent down for concurrence. Came  
up concurred.

Petition of Sanderson & Ganeragan, Sanderson  
to furnish fireworks on the Fourth of July next. Received in com-  
mon Council to the joint Special Committee on the celebration  
of the next anniversary of the Declaration of American Inde-  
pendence. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Petition of George Adams, to have Adams  
a passage way closed leading from Lane place to the Henry Lane place



152. School house in the vicinity of said place. Referred to the joint  
April 21. 1851. standing Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Sessions  
with closed  
doors  
Ordered, That the City Solicitor be  
requested to inform this board whether he has given any official opinion in relation to the legality of sessions of the Mayor and Aldermen, with closed doors, for the consideration of business coming before them; and if so, what that opinion is, and at what solicitation it was given; and whether the same had any reference to matters which have been passed upon by them, since the first of April instant.

Survey  
Notice to L. A. Dowley of intent to  
order Purchase Street, returnable this day, and no objection being  
made, the same was recommitted to the Committee on Streets.

Frothingham  
Notice to N. L. Frothingham, and his  
wife, returnable this day of an intention to widen Warrington  
Street, at the corner of Suffolk Place, and no person appearing  
to object, the same was recommitted to the Committee on Streets.

Ames  
Fireman  
No 2  
Communication from G. H. Ames,  
Clerk of Engine Company No 15, tendering his resignation, to  
take place May 1<sup>st</sup>. - Communication from the Foreman of Fire-  
man Company No 2, respecting two members of said company  
having violated the rules of the Fire Department. Referred to  
the Committee on the Fire Department.

Bourne  
Petition of George W. Bourne,  
to have the northwest side of Purchase Street, from Pearl to Belmont  
Street, repaved. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of James S. Wiggin re-153. April 21. 1851.

requesting that the City would raise the grade of Harrison Avenue in rear of Franklin Square, and that the understanding or condition of Sale of the land be enforced. Referred to the Committee on Avenue Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Petition of David H. Blaney and Blaney others, to have a common sewer laid in Paris street, between Wesley and Decatur streets. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of Benjamin Burlingame, Burlingame and others, to have a common sewer laid in Northampton street, easterly of Washington street and extending to the sea. Referred to the Committee on Sewers & Drains.

Petition of Dexter, Hipson and Dexter to be paid the damage they have sustained in consequence of their hack and a pair of horses falling into a cypress in Hipson street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of William H. Batchelder and others, to have Nashua street paved or macadamized. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

The Committee on laying out and widening Streets on the petition of Seth Whittier to extend the steps of his house in Bulfinch street, report that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. In the Committee. Henry B. was Chairman. Read and accepted.

Ordered, That the joint Committee on Salaries cause this year's Salary bill to be printed, after it



154 has been concurred in by both branches of the City Council. Came April 21, 1851. up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Worcester Square. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Common Lands be and he is hereby authorized to convey to the City of Boston the Common Land in Worcester Square Springfield Street and the passage ways adjacent thereto, in conformity with a vote of the Committee on Public Lands, of the 28<sup>th</sup> of January 1851 and that the expense thereof be charged to the appropriation for Public Lands.

West. Petition of Leonard West, for a rehearing on the subject of his being appointed a Special Policeman at the Old Colony Rail Road. Referred to the Mayor.

Brown. Notices of intention to build of J. E. M. Brown & Co on Pearl Street and Pearl place, and also in Hartford place, and asking leave to construct coal holds and vaults under the sidewalks. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Architect. The Committee on Public Buildings, to whom was referred an order of the City Council of the thirteenth day of March 1851 inquiring what amount of money had been paid by the City of Boston during the last three years, viz. 1848-49 & 50 for Architectural services, and to inquire into the expediency of creating an Office of City Architect. Report: That on a careful examination of the Auditors files of accounts they find that the sum of Seven thousand nine hundred five dollars and seventy six cents has been paid to Architects during the years 1848-49 and 50, for architectural services of all kinds, including the making models, mechanics estimates and incidental expenses.

connected therewith. The above sum embraces the amount paid 1853  
for preliminary drawings, working plans, specifications and esti- April 21, 1857  
mates made at first for the New Jail as proposed to be built on  
the Everett Street site; it also embraces the cost of all the prelimi-  
nary drawings, working plans, specifications and estimates made  
for the first design of the New Jail on the Grove Street location,  
which design was materially changed by the City Government  
of 1849, requiring complete new drawings, working plans, specifica-  
tions, and time and advice rendered by the Architect during  
the entire erection of the building, the whole cost of which is includ-  
ed in the amount hereinbefore stated. It also embraces the whole  
amount paid to this date for designs, working plans, specifications  
and all other architectural services upon the New Almshouse  
now very near completed on Deer Island. During the last three  
years a very large number of School Houses have been erected  
and the expenses of plans and architectural services for the same  
are all included in the sum aforesaid. With these facts before  
our Committee, and taking into view the small probable out-  
lay which will be required for architectural services for some  
time to come, in consequence of all the important structures need-  
ed by the city being now completed, your Committee are of opin-  
ion that the creation of the office of City Architect is inexpedient,  
and they respectfully ask to be discharged from the further  
consideration of the subject. For the Committee, William Briggs Chair-  
man: Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Concurrence  
concurred.

The Joint Special Committee - 7th March 1857  
to whom was referred the Auditor's estimates for the next finan-  
cial year, having duly considered the subject, recommend the



156 Having alterations viz: for the expense of Primary Schools, they  
substitute 70,000. instead of 73,200.

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Being a deduction of 3,200

For new Primary School Houses, they substitute 60,000,

instead of 80,000 being a deduction of 20,000

Total deduction \$ 26,700

They add - To the item for Schools 3,000

To that for Salaries, to meet the requirements of  
the new Salary Bill 7,000 10,000

Resulting in a net reduction \$ 16,700

With these alterations the estimated expenditures will be 1,580,030

The estimated income is 812,500

Balance \$ 1,267,530

Add, To meet abatement of Taxes, losses, and allowance  
for taxes remaining unpaid at the close of the financial year, 65,470

The tax required will amount to \$ 1,333,000

Which amount it is hoped can be raised without increasing the  
present ratio of taxation. They therefore recommend the passage of  
the annexed order to the Committee, then F. Wigelow Chairman.  
An Order Relating to the Specific Appropriations for the Finan-  
cial Year, 1851-52. It is hereby ordered by the City Council, that  
to defray the expenditures of the City of Boston, and the County  
of Suffolk, for the financial year which will commence with  
the first day of May 1851 and end with the last day of April 1852;  
the following sums of money be, and the same are hereby re-  
spectively appropriated for the objects and purposes as explain-  
ed in the Auditor's estimates, hereto annexed, that is to say;

Minutes Seven hundred and eighty dollars, 1,180

Advertising & Postages One thousand and fifty dollars 1,050

Bells and clocks -	Fifteen hundred dollars,	1,500	15%
Burial Grounds,	Twenty-six hundred dollars,	2,600	April 21. 1851
Bridges,	Eight thousand dollars,	8,000	
Boston Harbor,	Fifteen hundred dollars,	1,500	
County of Suffolk,	Ninety-eight thousand dollars,	98,000	
Common, &c. -	Eleven thousand dollars,	11,000	
City Debt,	Fifty five thousand dollars,	55,000	
External Health Department	Four thousand dollars,	4,000	
Engine, Hook and Ladder and Fire Carriage Houses -			
	One thousand dollars,	1,000	
Fire Department,	Sixty-two thousand dollars,	62,000	
Gas Fixtures -	Ten thousand dollars,	10,000	
House of Correction -	Thirty seven thousand dollars,	37,000	
House of Industry, Reformation and Deer Island			
Hospital,	Ninety thousand dollars,	90,000	
Internal Health Department,	Eighty thousand dollars,	80,000	
Interest -	One hundred thousand dollars,	100,000	
Incidental Expenses,	Thirty five thousand dollars,	35,000	
Lamps -	Sixty five thousand dollars,	65,000	
Lunatic Hospital, -	Twenty two thousand dollars,	22,000	
Market House -	Four thousand dollars,	4,000	
Militia Bounty -	Four thousand dollars,	4,000	
Overseers of the Poor, -	Thirty thousand, two hundred dollars,	30,200	
Old Claims, -	Five thousand dollars,	5,000	
Paving, Grading and Repairs of Streets -			
	One hundred sixty thousand dollars,	160,000	
Police, -	Fifty thousand dollars,	50,000	
Public Buildings, -	Twenty two thousand dollars,	22,000	
Printing, &c. -	Seven thousand dollars,	7,000	
Public Library, -	One thousand dollars,	1,000	



158. Reserved Fund, - Twenty five thousand dollars, 25,000

April 21, 1881  
For Salaries - For Instructors in the Grammar, High  
and Latin Schools, One hundred &  
thirty eight thousand dollars, 138,000

For Instructors in the Primary Schools,  
Sixty four thousand dollars, 64,000

For Incidental Expenses of Grammar, High and  
Latin Schools, forty three thousand dollars, 43,000

For Incidental Expenses of the Primary Schools,  
twenty six thousand dollars, 26,000

For New Primary School Houses,  
Sixty thousand dollars, 60,000

For Extra Repairs & alterations of Grammar  
School Houses, five thousand dollars, 5,000

326,000

Sewers and Drains, - Twenty five thousand dollars, 25,000

Salaries - Sixty five thousand dollars, 65,000

Unliquidated Street Claims - Ten thousand dollars, 10,000

Machinery & extending same - Fifty thousand dollars, 50,000

Watch Department - One hundred thousand dollars, 100,000

Total amount of Appropriations, \$1,580,030

By One million five hundred and eighty thousand and thirty dol-  
lars. From the amount appropriated as above, being \$1,580,030

Subtract the estimated income as per Audited Statement viz. 312,500

We have a balance of 1,267,530

Added to which, to meet abatement of taxes, losses and  
allowance for uncollected taxes at the close of the

financial year 1881, 65,470

\$1,333,000

We have the amount of tax required to meet the expenditures. 154.  
for the year 1851-52, viz. Thirteen hundred and thirty three thous- April 21 1851  
-and dollars. The foregoing Order as printed, passed in Common Coun-  
-cil. Came up for concurrence. Concurred, with sundry amendments.  
Sent down for concurrence came up concurred.

An Order levying a Tax Tax  
to defray the expenses of the City of Boston and the County of Suf-  
-folk for the financial year which will commence with the first  
day of May 1851, and end with the last day of April 1852. Ordered  
That the sum of One million three hundred and thirty three thous-  
-and Dollars be raised on the Polls and Estates of the inhabitants,  
of this City according to law, to pay the current expenses of the City  
and County, during the financial year which will commence with  
the first day of May eighteen hundred and fifty one, and end with  
the last day of April eighteen hundred and fifty two. — And  
it is further Ordered, That no excess in any of the appropriations  
already made for the year 1851-52 shall be allowed by the Au-  
-ditors of Accounts, or be paid by the Treasurer unless authorized  
by the City Council: — provided however, that any sums of money  
which may be subscribed, or contributed, or individuals to pro-  
-mote the object of any of the regular appropriations and which  
form no part of the estimated income of the City, shall be strictly  
applied, according to the intention of the contributors and shall  
be credited to said appropriations and used accordingly. Passed  
in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and con-  
-curred.

Order establishing the Salaries Salaries  
of the City and County officers. Read, and this order recedes  
from its vote on a portion of the fourth amendment and concurred.



160. with the Common Council; but on the 3<sup>d</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> amendments,  
April 21. 1851. the board adhered to its former votes. Sent down for concurrence.

Columbian  
Artillery  
Company

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Buildings to whom was referred the several petitions of the Columbian Artillery Company, asking compensation for the use of their Armory, and loss of property while the alterations and repairs of the Endicott School House was being made in the year 1850, Report: That they have given the subject a careful investigation and are satisfied that the Company has an equitable claim against the City for loss of property and use of Armory while the Endicott School House was undergoing repairs and alterations, inasmuch they would recommend the passing of the following order. To the Committee. Willings, Wigg, Chairman. Ordered, That there be paid to the Columbian Artillery Company, the sum of One hundred and twenty five dollars, in full of all claims against the City for loss of property and use of their Armory while the alterations and the repairs were being made to the Endicott School House in the year 1850. Read, accepted and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the board of 161.

Mayer and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on April 23 1851.  
Monday the Twenty eighth day of April, Anno Domini, 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Rogers and  
Holbrook.

Henry Hine lately elected Register  
Register of Deeds for the County of Suffolk, filed a bond which was  
approved and lodged in the office of the Treasurer of the County  
of Suffolk. And said Hine took the oath required by law that  
he would well and truly perform all the duties incumbent on  
him as Register as aforesaid.

Petition of David H. Williams, to Williams  
have an apartment abated for a sewer in Washington Street, between  
Hilis and Common streets. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and  
Drains.

Petition of Benjamin F. Godman, Godman  
and others, to be relieved from the payment of the cost of constructing  
a common sewer in Washington Street, between Bennett and Oak  
streets. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of Leonard West, for a hearing West.  
on the subject of his being appointed a Special Police Officer at  
the Old Colony Rail Road Station. Referred to the Committee on  
Licenses.

Remonstrance of C. Blanchard against Blanchard.  
his notice of intention to build of Edward Knight on the corner of  
and High street, upon which notice of said Knight an order of  
notice was issued returnable this day. Read & laid upon the table.



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Hanson

Petition of James L. Hanson, for leave to have a stand for a carriage in front of Wade's Hotel, N<sup>o</sup> 5. Tremont Row. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Thaxter

Petition of S. Thaxter, and Son, & others, to have trucks and teams removed from Broad Street in front of their Stores. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Babbitt

Petition of Isaac Babbitt, to have a nuisance abated occasioned to Follen & Prescott's digging a cellar on their land in Washington Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Phillips

Petition of Thomas W. Phillips, for himself, and other heirs, for leave to make a coal bin and cellar door under the side walk of their building corner of Union Street and Marsh Lane. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Brigham

Harrison

Avenue

Petition of William Brigham, and others, to have Harrison Avenue raised, so that the high tides may be kept from overflowing their land. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Engine

N<sup>o</sup> 10.

Upon the request of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, that the present members of Engine Company N<sup>o</sup> 10 be honorably discharged with the privilege of connecting themselves with any of the Companies now formed, and that the Board of Engineers be empowered to remove the Engine from that location and place Hydrant Company N<sup>o</sup> 3 in the same. - The Committee on the Fire Department report that the members of N<sup>o</sup> 10 be honorably discharged as within recommended, with permission to John S. Bigelow, Chairman. Read and accepted.

The Committee on the Fire De- 163

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partment to whom was referred the petition of David Chamberlin, Chamberlin  
the man of Hydrant Company No. 2. to have Horatio Ely discharged  
from said company, replied, that said Ely be discharged. Read  
accepted, and Horatio Ely was discharged.

Communication from Lepe Farmer

Farmer, and others, offering their services to take charge of engine No. 3.  
Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

On the order establishing the Salaries.

Salaries of the City and County officers - the Common Council  
having acceded from its former vote touching the fifth proposed  
amendment and concurred therein; but insisted upon its former  
vote in relation to said third proposed amendment; This board  
insists on its former vote respecting its third proposed amendment -  
(making the salary of the City Physician one thousand instead  
of "eight hundred" dollars) and thereupon Aldermen Grant and  
Smith were appointed a committee to confer with such as the  
Common Council might appoint on its part relative to the sub-  
ject of difference between the two boards. Sent down for concurrence.  
Same up concurred, and the Common Council appointed Messrs.  
Kimball, Dunham and Reed, on its part.

The petition of Francis Jack- Jackson.

son, and others for the use of Faneuil Hall on the 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Faneuil  
of May next, for Anti Slavery meetings, having been referred to the Hall.  
Joint standing Committee on Public Buildings - and the Common  
Council having nonconcurred with this board in referring said  
petition as a special, this board reconsidered its former vote and  
laid the subject on the table.



164.  
April 28, 1851

On motion of Alderman Kimball, -

Taneuil Hall

Ordered, That the City Solicitor be requested to give his opinion, as to whom the charge of Taneuil Hall is vested; and whether under an order passed in 1822, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen at this time can exercise exclusive control of it.

Deer and Rainsford Islands

Ordered, That the Committee on External health, be authorized to remove such buildings from Rainsford Island to Deer Island as they may deem expedient.

House of Industry.

The Directors of the Houses of Industry and Reformation, made their annual report of the expenditures and condition of the institutions under their care, at South Boston and Deer Island. Laid upon the Table and ordered to be printed.

Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets made his quarterly report. Laid on the Table, and ordered to be printed.

City Marshal.

The City Marshal made his quarterly report. Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Thurston Avenue

Ordered, That the City Engineer be requested to report a plan of a suitable grade for Thurston Avenue, from Dover Street to Northampton Street.

roadway

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to grade roadway and sidewalk between O and 2 streets.

Ordered, That the Superintendent 165  
of Streets be authorized to pave the gutters in Gondall place. April 28. 1851  
Gondall place.

Petition of William Beals, to be Beals.  
employed to make a public display of fireworks on the fourth day of July  
next. Referred to the Committee on celebrating the Declaration of In-  
dependence. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Order of the Common Council, Hovey.  
referring the petition of James G. Hovey to be employed to furnish an  
exhibition of fire works on the ensuing fourth of July to the Commit-  
tee on celebrating the Declaration of Independence. Came up for  
concurrence. Read and concurred.

Petition of Josiah Quincy, junr and Quincy.  
others to have the carts with straw and hay prohibited from Haymarket  
standing in Haymarket Square. Referred to the Joint Standing Square  
Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence. Came up  
concurred.

Ordered, That the Superintendent School  
of Public Buildings be requested to report the amount of money houses  
expended for the warming and ventilating the public schools;  
designating the amount paid on each building; also the quantity  
and kinds of fuel furnished to each school house, from January 1st  
to the present time. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concu-  
red.

Ordered, That the Committee on Chautauk  
Ordinances consider and report what sum shall be paid to the Police  
senior Justice of the Police Court for extra service imposed upon Court.  
him by the ordinance of October 21<sup>st</sup> 1850, entitled An Ordinance con-



100. carrying these children and attendants from School. Put down  
April 28, 1851 for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Deer Island.

Ordered, That the Cochituate

Water Board take into consideration the subject of supplying  
the New Almshouse at Deer Island, with Cochituate water and  
report the results of their investigations to the City Council. Passed  
in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred.

Tuckerman.

Ordered, That there be paid to Wil-

liam H. Tuckerman the sum of One thousand dollars for land  
taken to widen Temple Street after his giving to the City a Deed  
for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all dam-  
ages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that  
the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and  
widening Streets.

Midland

The Midland Rail Road Corporation

presented the plan and location of their road as follows viz. The  
Honorable Mayor & Aldermen of the City of Boston the Directors of  
the Midland Rail Road are now making the location of said  
Rail Road according of law. By the 2<sup>d</sup> section of the act of In-  
corporation the line through South Boston is to pass southeasterly of  
A Street at such place and in such manner as will be satis-  
factory to the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston. The  
plan with the line marked is submitted to Mayor & Aldermen  
who are desired to inform the Directors if said line of proposed  
location is satisfactory. Marshall P. Wilder President. Boston, April  
22<sup>nd</sup> 1851 City of Boston, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1851 the plan of the Midland Rail Road  
received this day also the location as above.

Whereas, an act to incorpo- 167. April 28. 1851

rate the Midland Rail Road was passed by the Legislature of Massachusetts on the second day of May eighteen hundred and fifty and by the second section of said Act it is declared that the said Company are empowered to locate, construct and maintain a railroad with one or more tracks, commencing at some convenient point on the Norfolk County Rail Road, in South Dedham: thence through the southerly part of Dedham: thence through or near the westerly part of the towns of Canton and Milton to the town of Dorchester: thence in a northeasterly direction through the town of Dorchester, passing through or near the easterly part of the City of Roxbury, and across the Bay and Marsh to South Boston, and through South Boston, southeasterly of A. Street at such place and in such manner as will be satisfactory to the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, and over the flats, within the line of one hundred rods from high water mark to a point on Broad street or Sea street between the northerly side of French's Wharf and the southerly line of Amory's Wharf, crossing Fore point channel by a pile bridge and with a draw, as hereinafter provided." And whereas the Directors of said Rail Road have submitted to this Board a plan of the Location of said Midland Rail Road in the City of Boston, upon which the line on which the same is to pass is marked in red ink, and in a petition of April 23<sup>d</sup> instant signed by Marshall P. Wilder President of said Corporation have requested to be informed by said Board of Mayor and Aldermen whether the said line of proposed location is satisfactory to them therefore it is Ordered, that due notice be given to all parties interested that the Mayor and Aldermen will, on Thursday the first day of May next at four o'clock



108. P.M. at their room in the City Hall, take into consideration the  
April 28, 1851. plan of location of the said - Midland Rail Road in the City  
of Boston, as submitted by said Corporation - and that they ap-  
-pear at said time and place and shew cause if any they  
have why said location should not be approved and ratified ac-  
-cording to the prayer of said petition, by publishing this order three  
times in the following newspapers to wit the Boston Daily Advertiser  
The Boston Daily Atlas, the Boston Daily Courier, and the Boston  
Morning Post.

New Jail.

Wheeler &  
Swallow.

Ordered, That there be paid to Messrs.  
Wheeler and Swallow, the balance due them on their contract  
for building the New Jail, for the County of Suffolk, they having com-  
-plied with the terms of said contract and to the satisfaction  
of the Mayor and Aldermen. Thereby certify that Messrs. Wheeler  
and Swallow have fulfilled the terms of their contract for build-  
-ing the New Jail for the County of Suffolk. Gridley J. T. Bryant Ar-  
-chitect, James W. Heaster Supt. Public Buildings.

Washington  
street.

Ordered, That the City Marshal noti-  
-fy the owners and abutters of estates on the west side of Wash-  
-ington Street, from the Gas Works to Canton Street, to lay their side-  
-walks according to law, within twenty days.

Sea  
street

Ordered, That the City Marshal notify  
the following persons, viz: John W. Leatherbee, Amos Gutter, Charles W.  
-man alias - Young William Wright and South Wharf Company,  
owners and abutters of estates on Sea Street, to lay their sidewalks  
according to law.

The Committee on Public Lands 169. April 28, 1851.

to whom was referred the petition of James L. Wiggins asking that the grade of Harrison Avenue may be raised. Resolved: That the present grade of Harrison Avenue being in some sections too low to prevent the water from flowing across it during extraordinary high tides, said Avenue should be graded to a height contemplated in an order passed in the Board of Mayor and Aldermen 1850, applying to the neck lands - the effect of which would be secure the territory immediately contiguous from being submerged in the event of a recurrence of a high tide like that recently experienced and would also be highly beneficial to the Public Lands in that vicinity. The Committee would recommend the adoption of such measures by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen as may be necessary to raise the grade of Harrison Avenue from Mulden Street to Northampton Street, to a suitable height. In the Committee. Billings, Wiggins, Chairman, Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Ordered, That the Committee on City Burial Public Lands inquire by what tenure the City hold the lot of ground land on Rochester Street, known as the City Burial ground; whether the City has the right to use said land for any other purpose than a Burial Ground, or to sell the same, and report. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred.

Ordered, That Aldermen Clark & City Smith, with such as the Common Council may join, be a Committee to consider the expediency of repealing the ordinance passed Dec. 23, 1850, entitled "An ordinance in relation to City Officers." Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred. Aldermen Clark & Smith joined.



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Fire on the re-organization of the Fire Department, be authorized to  
Department. report in print. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

School An Order authorizing the Committee  
Teachers on Salaries of resident and non-resident School Teachers, to re-  
-port in print. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Shouler. Ordered, That the Joint Standing  
Taylor Committee on Accounts be and they are hereby directed to pay the  
Obsequies bills for advertising the funeral Obsequies of President Taylor  
as approved by the Committee who had charge of those obsequies  
now due the publishers of the following newspapers viz. Daily Inter-  
-ester, The Courier, Post, Journal, Transcript and Herald. Read  
in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and con-  
-curred. The foregoing Order was accompanied by the following Re-  
-port:— The Committee on Printing to whom was referred the peti-  
-tion of the publishers of Newspapers, who advertise for the City  
by the year, for the payment of their bills for advertising con-  
-nected with the funeral Obsequies of President Taylor, and  
also for an increase of their yearly pay, have attended to the  
duty assigned them and Report. In order to get at all the facts  
in the matter referred your Committee notified the petitioners  
to appear before them, and state their grievances, and from the  
testimony obtained it does appear to the minds of your Commit-  
-tee that the City are morally bound to pay the bills which  
the City through one of its committees by special agreements  
contracted with the petitioners in the matter of publishing the  
details of a procession and the matters connected therewith for

the due observance of the Funeral Ceremonies of the late President  
of the United States Your Committee have also given  
due attention and a careful hearing to the petitioners in the mat-  
ter of an increase of pay from all your Committee can gather,  
the conclusion is irresistible that the amount now paid by the  
City for advertising does not pay the competitors for the labour of  
setting up the types to say nothing of the space the advertise-  
ments take up in the various papers all of whose proprietors  
have been obliged to increase the size of their sheets in order to  
accommodate the advertising community. At the time the  
present price was fixed by the City Government, the advertising  
done did not amount to one third of that done at the present  
time. As it is not expected the City wishes its employees to do  
work for them at a price less than cost, your Committee are  
unanimously of opinion that the sum of Three hundred & fifty  
dollars per annum should be allowed your petitioners for the  
future, commencing with the Financial Year of 1851 and 1852  
(May 1, 1851) and that for this sum all the advertising for the  
City of every kind and description shall be done by the said  
petitioners and no extra bills under any pretence whatever shall  
be allowed them. And in accordance with the foregoing your  
Committee would recommend the passage of the accompany-  
ing order. For the Committee, Moses Grant.

The Committee on Licenses to Nicholas  
whom was referred the petition of William. Nichols for the payment  
of his account against the City, of September 1841, have attended  
to the subject, and report, that they are satisfied that the account  
has not been paid and though from various causes it has been



172. unreasonably neglected and delayed, they recommend that the balance amount of Five hundred dollars be paid said William Nichols, dated Grant, for the Committee. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Primary

The Joint Standing Committee on

School

houses

Public Buildings who have had under consideration the subject of Primary School Houses. Reported: That they have received a communication from the Primary School Board, stating that the districts most needing School houses, also communications from the Sub-committees of Districts No 3, 9, and 15 upon the necessity of immediate action on the matter, therefore, in view of the above request, your Committee recommend the passing of the following Order to the Committee. Billings, Briggs, Chairman. Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on Public Buildings be and they are hereby authorized to purchase a lot of land and erect a Primary School House thereon for District No 9 and the expenses be charged to the appropriation for Primary School Houses; Also That they be authorized to purchase a lot of land and erect a Primary School House thereon, for District No 15. And they be further authorized to purchase a lot of land and erect a Primary School House thereon, for District No 3 east Boston. Read, accepted and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence. Same up concurred, with this amendment: At A. insert "or they may purchase buildings for the same in the several Districts." Read & concurred.

Dwight

School House

Order of the Common Council,

referring the report of the alteration of the Dwight School House, to the Committee on Public Instruction. Same up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The Committee to whom was refer 173

ed the order of inquiry in regard to the purchase of a Statue of Sen. Joseph Warren, have attended to that duty and beg leave respectfully to report: That they have considered the matter in two respects, first, as to the legal power of the City to make such a purchase, and, Second, its expediency in the present instance. 1<sup>st</sup> Have the City legal powers to purchase a picture? The 25<sup>th</sup> section of the City Charter (Revised Ordinances, pp 10. and 17) provides, "The City Council also shall have the care and superintendence of the public buildings, and the care, custody and management of all the property of the City, with power to lease and sell the same, except the Common and Council Hall with power also to purchase property, real or personal, in the name, and for the use of the City, whenever its interest or convenience may in their judgement require it." The City Solicitor, (see City Document N<sup>o</sup> 1050, or extracts from same Rev. Ord<sup>s</sup> note, page 15) in reply to an inquiry of the City Council in explanation of the extract from the Charter just quoted says: "For could the inhabitants be lawfully taxed for the purpose of raising a statue or monument, these being matters of taste and not of necessity; unless in populous and wealthy towns, they should be thought suitable ornaments to buildings or squares, the raising and maintenance of which are within the duty and care of the governors or officers of such towns." Your Committee that a picture or a fountain come within the meaning of "suitable ornaments," as well as a statue or monument quoted above. And they believe the fountain in the foreground made at no inconsiderable expense, but worth all it cost, has no authority in law for its construction other than the one just



174. read. They would not be understood to mean however that the  
Mar 28 1861 same authority is not sufficiently ample. They believe it is *orth* for  
a statue or monument - a picture or fountain. Your Committee have  
found precedents of great antiquity to sustain this opinion. Im-  
mediately after the erection of Faneuil Hall and its presenta-  
tion to the town the citizens in open town meeting ordered the  
presentation of its generous donor to the Hall forever and then  
Sept 27 1792 as a further testimony of respect it was voted that  
Mr. Faneuil's picture be drawn at full length, at the expense  
of the town and placed in the Hall; and the selectmen were  
charged with the execution which was accordingly executed  
- *Mass History of Boston* page 234. The right of buying a por-  
trait at the town's expense was distinctly declared by our pre-  
decessors, in public meeting assembled, more than a century ago.  
It may be urged that this was done inconsiderately and the  
spontaneous gratitude for Mr. Faneuil's munificent donation.  
The Committee submit if this objection is correct, it in no way  
invalidates the precedent. Moreover the later second thought  
of the inhabitants of Boston was clearly indicated by a vote  
in town meeting two years after Faneuil's death to purchase  
the Faneuil arms carved and gilt by Mr. Geshon to be fixed  
in "the wall" of the Hall. *Mass Hist*, p. 235. It is to be regretted  
that Peter Faneuil's "arms carved and gilt" were consumed at  
the conflagration of the Hall in 1761. His portrait was snatched  
from its place on the wall and saved. Faneuil Hall was soon  
rebuilt, and in the stormy days that preceded the stamp act  
and Boston massacre, was the theatre whence ascended the  
remonstrances and appeals of our oppressed forefathers. It was  
natural they should entertain regard and esteem for the few

members of Parliament who raised their voices in their defence, 175  
and opposed the obnoxious laws of the British Ministry. to them April 28 1831  
in what estimation they held their friends and defenders at  
home, the town in public meetings voted on two separate oc-  
casions to cause to be painted and hung in Faneuil Hall por-  
traits of Gen. Conway and Col. Barré, who had distinguished  
themselves by their exertions for American liberties in Parliament.  
This was done. the portraits were bought by the town and placed  
in Faneuil Hall, and remained there several years. - Pember-  
ton says. Mass<sup>ts</sup> Hist Society coll<sup>d</sup> Vol 3<sup>d</sup> p. 254) "Previous to the  
Revolution, the portraits of the Faneuil, Gen. Conway and Col. Barré,  
were procured by the town and hung up in the Hall. It is suppos-  
ed they were carried off by the British." Here are no less than three  
instances (besides the carved and gilt coat of arms) where pictures  
have been bought by the town of Boston under the authority of the  
Citizens assembled in open meetings, and your Committee claim  
them as full and conclusive precedents. It may be urged these  
are the acts of the town of Boston and not of the City, though its  
constituted government. But your Committee have only to refer  
to Section 1<sup>st</sup> of the City Charter (Rec<sup>d</sup> at p. 1453 which declares in  
substance that the City thereby created, shall enjoy all the rights,  
immunities powers, and privileges heretofore belonging to the town  
in addition to such new ones as the Charter may specially con-  
fer. Your Committee think they have thus made out a clear  
case of legal right both from precedent established by the  
usage of the town inherited by the City, and in addition  
from the right specially conveyed by the Charter as explained  
by the City Solicitor, and as practical upon by our public officers  
in office. - And it is the expediency of purchasing the portrait of



170 On Motion in the present case. Your Committee have learned  
that a copy of [?]'s original portrait was painted by the  
late Henry Sargent Esq. at the request of the Hon John Wells,  
and was presented by the latter gentleman to the City. This copy  
now hangs in Faneuil Hall. There is therefore a question as  
to the expediency of purchasing the original. Moreover your Com-  
mittee have learned that since the order of inquiry passed the  
City Council, the then owners of the original have been con-  
strained to sell the same and that it is now in possession of  
a gentleman who values it so highly as to be unwilling to dis-  
pose of it. Your Committee therefore ask leave to be discharged from  
the further consideration of the subject. In the Committee. Henry  
Gardner. Accepted in Common Council. Came up for concu-  
rence. Read and concurred.

Adjourned to Thursday next, four o'clock, P. M.

At a meeting of the board 177.

of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall May 1 1851  
on Thursday the First day of May, Anno Domini, 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Rogers  
and Munroe.

Agreeably to the order of notice Midland  
passed on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April last to all persons interested in the Railroad  
Midland Rail Road Corporation to appear at this time and they  
may be heard. And now sundry persons appeared and were heard,  
and the Directors of said Corporation presented their plan, and the  
location of so much of said Railroad as lies in the City of Boston,  
in the County of Suffolk; as follows, viz: To the Honorable the Mayor  
& Aldermen of the City of Boston. The Midland Railroad Company  
hereby file with your Honors the following location of so much  
of their Railroad, as lies within the City of Boston in the County  
of Suffolk, agreeably to the general laws of the Commonwealth and  
of their Act of incorporation, namely said Railroad commences  
at a point on Broad Street in the City of Boston about 150 feet  
North Easterly from the Northerly side of Summer Street, thence  
South 39° East by the Easterly line of 270 feet 820 feet  
thence by a curve to the right of Six hundred feet radius, nine  
hundred & thirty feet, thence by a straight line tangent to the  
above curve 380 feet to the line of 1050 feet from high water mark  
thence curving to the left, on a radius of Six hundred & seventy  
five feet nine hundred & thirty feet, thence curving to the right  
on a radius of Six hundred & seventy five feet 1065 feet thence  
South 53° West & tangent to the last curve passing through South  
Boston Southerly of S. Street 2070 feet to South Bay thence by the



178 Same line produced along the South Bay to the opposite shore  
May 1, 1851 as shown by the red line on the Map filed this first day of  
May, A.D. 1851 agreeably to the plan herewith submitted signed  
by the Directors of said Company. The line above described is indica-  
ted by the red line on said plan and the width of land taken  
in crossing the flat & fire proof channel is twenty six feet on  
the in Shore or North Westerly side of said line. The remainder  
of the location is made two rods in width on each side of  
said line. In testimony whereof the Directors of said Midland  
Railroad Company thereto authorized by vote of said Company  
have hereunto subscribed their names. Boston May 1<sup>st</sup> 1851. Marshall  
P. Wilder. Horatio N. Slater. Francis Hinley. Wm. Richardson. Sam<sup>l</sup>  
A. Perkins. Welcome Farnum. Robert Godman. E. D. Ammidown. Directors  
of the Midland Railroad Company. Read, and thereupon, Ordered,  
That the City Engineer be instructed to examine the location of  
the Midland Rail Road in South Boston as exhibited on the plan  
this day presented by said Corporation for approval, and, after  
a personal examination of the same on the spot report to this  
Board his opinion as to whether said plan of location is  
conformable to the best interests of the City and should be accepted.

Sea Street

Ordered, That the City Marshal  
notify the following persons, viz: John H. Featherbee, James Cutler,  
Charles H. Brown, Estlin A. Young, Wm. Wright & "South Wharf Co"  
owners and abutments of land on Sea Street, to cause their sidewalks  
to be "paved according to law with bricks or flat stones and to  
cause them to be supported" within twenty days.

The Committee to whom was 179.

referred the petition of Naham Brigham for leave to keep swine, May 1. 1851.  
reported, that the petitioner have leave to keep swine as prayed for. Brigham  
Read and accepted. Swine

George Hill was nominated and City Crier  
appointed City Crier.

William P. Baker was nominated, & Constable  
appointed a Constable.

The Committee to whom was referred Johnson  
the petition of Earl W. Johnson, for leave to close the end of Lindall  
street reported, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition  
Read and accepted.

The Committee on Streets to whom was Brown  
referred the notice of J. E. & N. Brown & Co of their intention to build  
in the rear of Quincy block, on Hartford Place. - Also for leave to  
construct coal holds under the side walk. - reported, that no fur-  
ther action is necessary on said notice by this Committee. Read  
and accepted. - In the case of coal holds, referred to the Commit-  
tee on Paving.

The Committee on Streets, to whom Brown  
was referred the notice of intention to build of J. E. & N. Brown & Co  
on Pearl street and Pearl place. - Also for leave to construct coal  
holes under the side walk, - reported, that no further action is  
necessary on said notice by this Committee, report accepted. In the  
matter of coal holes, referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Noah Sturtevant, and others, Sturtevant  
to have lamps placed and lighted in Trenton and Cutaw streets.  
Referred to the Committee on Lamps.



The Committee to whom was  
 May 1, 1851 presented the petition of Samuel Thaxter and Son, and others, to  
 remove have trucks and teams removed from Broad from Broad Street,  
 in front of their stores, reported, that the petitioners have leave to  
 withdraw their petition. Read and accepted.

Webster.

The Joint Special Committee, who  
 were appointed to tender to the Hon. Daniel Webster, in the name  
 of the City Council of Boston, an invitation to meet and address  
 his fellow citizens in Faneuil Hall, at such time as he shall  
 elect, has leave to report: That, in pursuance of the duty af-  
 signed to them they proceeded to the lodgings of Mr. Webster, and,  
 through their Chairman, communicated to him the votes and  
 wishes of the City Council, and have received from him an  
 answer declining to address his fellow citizens in Faneuil Hall,  
 during his visit to Boston. Copies of the correspondence are here-  
 with submitted. Henry B. Rogers, Mr. H. Holbrook, Benj. Smith,  
 J. J. Thompson, Joseph Smith, Harvey Jewell, Committee. (Copy)  
 Hon. Daniel Webster, Secretary of State. Sir: In compliance with  
 an Order of the City Council, passed this day, with entire  
 unanimity, we have the honor of inviting you, in the name of  
 the City of Boston to meet and address your fellow citizens  
 in Faneuil Hall, at such time as may be most agreeable to  
 you, and in behalf of the Corporation, of the citizens generally,  
 and of ourselves we beg leave to assure you that your acceptance  
 of this invitation, should it accord with your feelings and con-  
 venience will be peculiarly gratifying at this time. With the  
 highest respect and consideration, We remain your very obedient  
 servants, Henry B. Rogers, Henry H. Holbrook, Benjamin Smith,

Newell A. Thompson, Harvey Jewell, Joseph Smith, Committee. City 181.  
Hall, April 21<sup>st</sup> 1851. Copy, Boston, April 23<sup>d</sup> 1851. To Messrs. Henry May 1. 1851  
B. Rogers Henry M. Holbrook, Benjamin Smith, N. A. Thompson, Jos-  
eph Smith, Harvey Jewell, Committee. Gentlemen: I have perused the  
paper which you did me the honor to place in my hands yesterday; and  
have to say, in reply, that it is not my purpose to address my fellow  
citizens in Faneuil Hall during this visit to Boston. I have the  
honor to be, very respectfully, Your obedient servant, Daniel Webster.  
Read, accepted and ordered to be printed. Sent down for concurrence.  
Came up concurred.

On the petition of Michael Lynch Lynch  
, and others, to have a drain constructed in Silver street, to carry  
off stagnant water; The Committee on Internal health, report, that  
Silver street is a twenty foot street at South Boston, and they rec-  
ommend that the within petitioners have leave to enter the drain  
running from the Primary School house, in the vicinity, to the com-  
mon sewer provided the same be done at his sole expense and  
he pay for entering said drain. For the Committee. Henry B. Rogers,  
Chairman. Read and accepted.

Petition of Thomas P. Smith Smith  
to be licensed as a dealer in Second hand articles. Referred  
to the Committee on Licenses.

Adjourned to Monday next four o'clock, P.M.



At a meeting of the board of  
 Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City  
 Hall on Monday the fifth day of May, Anno Domini, 1851

Present

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

St. John's  
 Church

Petition of St. John's Church,  
 East Boston, to have an assessment for a common sewer  
 abated. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Greenough  
 School street.

Remonstrance of D. G. Greenough, &  
 others, against the Universalist Society's building on land  
 in front of their house in School street. Referred to the Commit-  
 tee on Streets.

Melcher

Petition of Nathaniel Melcher, &  
 others, claiming damage, owing to the high tide and low grade  
 of the bed of the Boston & Worcester Rail Road track, in Castle,  
 Orange and Village streets. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Hayden

Petition of William Hayden, and  
 others, to have Ash street paved and lighted with gas. Refer-  
 red to the Committee on Paving.

Clark

Petition of Samuel Clark,  
 and others, that Suffolk street, near Blackstone square, be water-  
 Boardmaned during the summer. — of B. G. Boardman, and others, to

Grant

have a portion of Chamber street repaired. — of Grant Sanborn  
 & Co. and others, to have Canal street paved. — of Robert Knoll,

Knoll

and others, to have Pleasant street court repaired. — of

Lee

James Lee, Jr. and others, to have the vacant lot of land on  
 West Cedar street fenced in and the edge stone and sidewalk

placed as the law directs. - of James B. Dow, to have the grades 183.  
of Middlesex street given him. - of Gardner Chilson, to have the Dow-  
cross street leading from Brookline street to Canton street, Chilson.  
filled up to a suitable grade. - He referred to the Commit-  
tee on Faring.

Petition of T. O. A. P. Burnham, Burnham  
and others, for a deed of land in Boylston street. Referred  
to the Joint Standing Committee on Public Lands. Sent down  
for concurrence. Came up concurred.

The Committee on Public Buildings Ancient  
instructed on the part of the board, to whom was referred the petition of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, for the Artillery Co-  
use of Faneuil Hall and permission to enclose a part of  
the Common, reported that the prayer of the petition be grant-  
ed, Read and accepted.

Agreement between Capt. H. W. Great  
Bennam and Mr. V. E. Cooper, for the care of the Great New South  
ster Island buildings &c. until March 1853. Which agreement Island.  
was confirmed by this board, and placed on file.

The Committee on the petition of Beiknap  
of John Beiknap to have an apportionment for a common sewer  
in Congress street abated, reported, that the same be granted.  
Read and accepted.

Ordered, That the sum of eight Fifty  
dollars and eighty eight cents apportioned upon the several names  
of Merrill Pellingell, Francis G. Moore, Anne S. Gendley, John Gendley,  
John B. Diamonds, and the heirs of George H. Faneuil for their share



184. proportional part of the cost of constructing a common sewer in Meridian street, be, and the same is hereby abated, the drain to which they connected their estates with the common sewer having been cut off by the parties owning the land through which the drain passed. And it is also further  
Danson Ordered, that the sum of three dollars and forty two cents, be and the same is hereby deducted from the assessment laid upon the estate of Danson & Peterson for their proportional part of the cost of constructing the common sewer in Meridian street.

Lucy Fuller Ordered, That the sum of Seven dollar and twenty nine cents assessed upon the estate of the Lucy Fuller for her proportional part of the cost of constructing the common sewer in Middlesex street, be and the same is hereby abated, also. Ordered, that the sum of eight dollars and seven cents assessed upon Lucy Hopkinson for her proportional part of the cost of constructing the common sewer in Ontario street, be and the same is hereby abated, upon the ground of her inability to pay the same.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sawyer Ordered, That the collection of the sum of fifty dollars and sixty two cents laid upon the estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Sawyer for her proportional part of the cost of constructing the common sewer in Purchase and Broad streets, be and the same is hereby postponed until an entry shall have been made into the common sewer from her estate.

Ordered, That the collection of the sum of Two hundred and two dollars and five cents

assessed upon vacant land owned by the heirs of John 185  
since for their proportional part of the cost of constructing May 5. 1851  
the common sewer in Sumner and Bremen Streets, be and  
the same is hereby postponed, until an entry shall have been  
made into the common sewer from said land.

The Committee on Paving, to Johnson  
whom was referred the petition of Carl W. Erinson, for leave to  
construct coal holes under side walks in front of buildings  
about to be erected on Lindell and Congress streets, report,  
that the prayer of the petitioner be granted to build coal  
holes on Congress street, but not on Lindell street. For the  
Committee. Billings Briggs, Chairman. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Paving, to Phillips  
whom was referred the petition of Thomas W. Phillips, and  
others, asking permission to make coal bin and cellar door  
under side walk corner of Union Street and Marsh Lane, re-  
port, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted on the  
usual conditions, that they be properly built and covered  
over with good and strong stone subject to removal at the  
pleasure of the City. For the Committee Billings Briggs, Chair-  
man. Read and accepted.

Resolved, That the safety and Washington  
convenience of the Inhabitants of this City require that the  
easterly side of Washington Street, near Suffolk Street should  
be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take,  
and lay out as a public street or way of the said City  
a parcel of land belonging to Samuel Shaw and A. S.



186 Frothingham and wife, viz: Beginning at the south-east-  
erly corner of the same, at a point on the Northerly side  
May 5, 1851. of Suffolk Place, and on a line drawn straight from the  
southerly corner of Washington Street and Suffolk Place, to the  
southerly corner of the granite front of N<sup>o</sup> 296 on Washington  
Street; thence along said described line to said granite  
front, forty nine feet and twenty hundredths of a foot; thence  
westwardly along the northerly side of building N<sup>o</sup> 298 Wash-  
ington, four feet and seventy one hundredths of a foot; thence  
along the easterly side of Washington Street, by a line not  
perfectly straight fifty feet and forty four hundredths of a foot,  
to Suffolk Place; and thence eastwardly along the northerly  
side of Suffolk Place, five feet and seventy six hundredths  
of a foot, to the point of beginning; containing two hundred  
and sixty eight square feet and forty seven hundredths of  
a square foot more or less taking from said Shaw 128 <sup>9</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
square feet and from said Frothingham and wife 134 <sup>92</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
square feet. And whereas, due notice has been given of  
the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land  
for the purpose aforesaid; as appears by the return hereunto  
annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before  
described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as  
a public Street or way of the said City according to a plan  
of the said taking made by E. J. Chetrough dated May 2<sup>d</sup>  
instant and deposited in the Office of the said Mayor and  
Aldermen.

Shaw  
Washington  
and  
Whereas this Board, by a Resolve  
passed the day has taken a certain parcel of land, therein  
described lying on Washington Street near Suffolk place and

laid out the same as a public street or way of said City, 187.  
it is therefore Ordered, That due notice be given to Samuel May 5, 1851  
Shaw and all other persons interested as owners, proprietors, tenants,  
occupants, or otherwise, in said land that they cut off,  
pull down, remove and carry away all buildings, erections  
and obstructions of every sort standing on and projecting  
over the line of said Washington street, as established by the  
Resolve aforesaid, or, move and set back the same to the  
said line, and vacate and surrender the land and  
premise taken as aforesaid on or before the first day of  
August now next ensuing. And in default thereof, the City  
Marshal is hereby directed and empowered, forthwith to enter  
upon said land and cause all buildings, erections and  
obstructions standing on and projecting over the line of  
said Washington street, as established by the Resolve aforesaid,  
to be cut off, pulled down, removed and carried away or to  
be moved and set back to said line, and the said land to  
be vacated and surrendered under the direction of the  
Committee on laying out and widening streets.

Whereas this Board, by a Frothingham.  
Resolve passed this day, has taken a certain parcel of land, Washington  
herein described lying on Washington street near Norfolk street.  
Place and laid out the same as a public street or way  
of said City, it is therefore Ordered, That due notice be given to  
S. L. Frothingham and wife and all other persons interested  
as owners, proprietors, tenants, occupants, or otherwise, in said  
land that they cut off, pull down, remove and carry away  
all buildings, erections and obstructions of every sort stand-



188. -ing on and projecting over the line of said Washington street,  
May 5 1851 it is established by the Resolve aforesaid, to move and set  
back the same to the said line, and vacate and sur-  
-render the land and premises taken as aforesaid on or  
before the first day of August now next ensuing. And in de-  
-cree thereof the City Marshal is hereby directed and em-  
-powered forthwith to enter upon said land and cause all  
buildings, erections and obstructions standing on and  
projecting over the line of said Washington street, as estab-  
-lished by the Resolve aforesaid, to be cut off, pulled down,  
removed and carried away, or to be moved and set back  
to said line, and the said land to be vacated and sur-  
-rendered under the direction of the Committee on laying  
out and widening streets.

Adams  
Boyiston  
street.

Whereas L. H. Smalley has given  
notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on  
Boyiston Street, in the said City; and, in the opinion of  
the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants  
require that the said street should be widened at the  
place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby  
Ordered, That due notice be given to Charles F. Adams  
that this Board intend to widen the street before mentioned,  
by taking a part of the land now about to be built upon  
as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street,  
and that Monday, the twelfth day of May current at 4  
o'clock, P. M. is assigned as the time for hearing any ob-  
-jections which may be made thereto.

Application of J. E. Stevens, M. D. 189

for the office of Superintendent of Boston Lunatic Hospital. Re: Stevens  
referred to the Committee on the Institutions at South Boston, and  
on Deer Island. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Memorial of the Overseers of House of

the House of Correction, respecting the want of accommodations Correction  
for prisoners. Referred to the joint standing Committee on the Insti-  
-tutions at South Boston and on Deer Island. Sent down for con-  
-currence. Came up concurred.

The Committee on the Fire De- Farmer

partment, to whom was referred the request of Jesse Farmer, and Engine N<sup>o</sup> 13  
others, offering to take charge of Engine N<sup>o</sup> 13 or any other where  
they may be required; reported, that the petitioners request be  
granted. Read and accepted.

Ordered, That the joint Commit- Engine

-tee who have under consideration the subject of organization of houses  
the Fire Department be requested to enquire into the expediency  
of using the rooms over the Engines, in the respective houses for  
Primary Schools Rooms. Sent down for concurrence. Came up con-  
-curred.

Quarterly reports of the Clerk of Quarterly

Peace - Hall Market; Hay weights of the Northern Scale; City report  
Registrar, and City Clerk. Read and sent down

The Joint Standing Committee Primary

on Public Buildings who have had the subject of Primary School House  
Houses under consideration, report. That they have received  
a communication from the Primary School Committee setting



190 forth the great need of a School house in District No. 10. Fort  
May 5. 1851. Hill. In view of the request of said Committee, we would re-  
commend the passing of the following order. For the Committee,  
Billings & Briggs, Chairman. Ordered, That the Committee on  
Public Buildings be and they are hereby authorized to pur-  
chase a lot of land and erect a Primary School House thereon,  
in District No. 10. or purchase land and buildings for the same  
purpose. Read, accepted and the order passed. Sent down for  
concurrence. Came up concurred.

Gurney On the petition of Henry L.  
Webster St. Gurney, and others, Ordered, That due notice be given that  
this Board will on Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M., take  
into consideration the expediency of constructing a Common  
Sewer in Webster Street and of assessing the expense thereof on  
all persons who may enter their particular Drains into such  
Common Sewer, or who by any more remote means shall  
receive any benefit thereby. Any person making objection ther-  
eto, will then and there be heard.

Wright Petition of Albert J. Wright, Cap-  
Company Co. tain of Company Co. for an allowance for the rent of their armory  
Referred to the joint standing Committee on Public Buildings.  
Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Nichols. Report of the Committee on Spec-  
in favor of paying the claim of William Nichols against  
the City, which was accepted in this board and sent down  
for concurrence. Came up nonconcurred, and referred to the  
Committee on Accounts. Whereupon this board recommitted the  
whole subject to the Committee on Specimens.

The Committee on the peti-191.

tion of F. D. Lequand to have a passage way between Mount Lequand Vernon and Finckney streets, accepted, reported, that it is inexpedient to accept or pave the same, it not being a thoroughfare Read and accepted.

On the petition of Charles F. Lougee

Lougee, for leave to set out trees in front of his house No 739 Washington street - the Committee reported that the prayer of the petitioner be granted. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Sewers and Cushman

Grains, to whom was referred the petition of J. V. Cushman, for abatement of an assessment for a common sewer in Swan, Colony and Ontario streets, reported, that the same be granted. Read and accepted.

The Committee on the petition Ward

of Winthrop Ward, and others, to have Purchase street graded, reported, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition. Read and accepted.

Ordered, That the joint Standing Clerks.

Committee on Ordinances consider the expediency of reporting an ordinance for the establishing of all clerks, messengers & porters now in the employ of the city, which are not provided for by some law or ordinance: passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The Committee to whom was Pine St.

referred the notice of the Pine street Congregational Socy. Society, that they intend to extend the line of their estate to



192 Washington Street, reported. That no action is expedient on  
May 5. 1851. Said notice. Read and accepted.

Ordered, That the Superintendent  
of Streets be authorized to make all necessary repairs  
in First Street, South Boston, by raising the Sea wall one  
course of Stone, and to have a suitable railing on the same.

Beacon St.  
Bourdon  
Square  
Ordered, That the Superintendent  
of Streets be authorized to place crossing stones from the south-  
east corner of the State House side walk to the northwest  
corner of Park and Beacon Streets. Also to place crossing stones  
from opposite the Church in Bourdon Square to the north  
east corner of Cambridge Street.

East and  
South  
Boston.  
Street signs  
Ordered, That the Committee  
on Public Buildings be directed to place suitable street signs,  
upon the corners of the streets in East and South Boston.  
Passed in concurrence with the Common Council. See page 193.

Gove.  
Horse St.  
On the petition of M. J. Gove and  
others, - Ordered, That due notice be given that this Board  
will, on Monday next, at four o'clock, P. M., take into consid-  
eration the expediency of constructing a Common Sewer  
in Haver Street and of assessing the expense thereof on all  
persons who may enter their particular Drains into such Com-  
mon Sewer, or who by any more remote means shall receive  
any benefit thereby. Any person making objections thereto, will  
then and there be heard.

Blaney.  
Fair Street.  
On the petition of David H. Blaney,  
and others, - Ordered, That due notice be given that this Board

will, on Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M., take into consid- 193.  
eration the expediency of constructing a Common Sewer in Bennington  
Street and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons  
who may enter their particular Drains into such Common Sewer,  
or who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit  
thereby: any person making objections thereto, will then and  
there be heard.

On the petition of William Bragg Bragdon.  
don, and others, - Ordered, That due notice be given that Bennington  
this Board will, on Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M., take Bennington  
into consideration the expediency of constructing a Common Sewer  
in Bennington Street and of assessing the expense thereof on all  
persons who may enter their particular Drains into such Com-  
mon Sewer, or who by any more remote means shall receive  
any benefit thereby: any person making objections thereto, will  
then and there be heard.

Whereas during the severe Goss.  
Storm of April, owing to an uncommon high tide, the tempo- Deer Island  
rary building occupied by the boys at Deer Island, was,  
during the night, so far filled with water as to endanger  
the lives of seventy nine boys, - Mr. A. P. Goss their faithful  
Instructor, with great presence of mind and judicious con-  
duct, was, under Providence, instrumental in rescuing their  
lives at the peril of his own, and conducted them all to  
a place of safety, before the building was swept into the  
ocean - therefore - Resolved, That the City Council entertain  
feelings of respect and gratitude toward Mr. Goss for his im-  
portant services on the occasion referred to, and as he  
lost all his apparel, books and other articles in his devotion



194 to the boys, it is recommended to the Directors of the Institution, not only to make good his loss, but to present him with a certificate taken of gratitude for his praiseworthy conduct. Passed by a unanimous vote. Sent down for concurrence. May 15, Came up concurred.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P.M.

At a Special meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Friday the Ninth day of May, - 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Lunatic

Hospital

The Committee on the Institutions at South Boston and Deer Island, to whom was referred the letter of Dr. Steelman, resigning the office of Superintendent of the Lunatic Hospital, and an order to consider and report upon the expediency of an alteration of the act establishing said Hospital, recommend, that the Mayor be

requested to apply to the Legislature for such alterations of 195.  
said act as are indicated in the vote hereunto annexed. For May 9. 1857.  
The Committee, John M. Wright. At a meeting of the Committee  
on the Institutions at South Boston and on Deer Island, held  
this day May 5<sup>th</sup> 1857. it was Voted, that this Committee recom-  
mend to the City Council that the Mayor apply to the Legis-  
lature for an alteration of the act establishing the Lunatic  
Hospital, South Boston, as follows. - Strike out Section 2<sup>d</sup> Amend  
Section 3<sup>d</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> line, by striking out the word "other" between  
"such" and "officers." A true copy, attest, E. A. Fuller, Sec<sup>y</sup>. Accepted  
in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and  
concurred.

Ordered, That the City Marshal, Shades  
be directed to remove any and all shop shades or the portions  
thereof which obstruct the light of the street lamps inconveniently  
to the public.

Ordered, That there be paid to Fire  
the several officers and members of the Fire Department - Department  
who have been discharged since the first day of January  
last, the sums due them respectively pro rata, for their term  
of service. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concu-  
rence. Read and concurred.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P. M.



At a meeting of the board of  
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall  
on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, Anno Domini. 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Holbrook.

Wilder

Petition of Mary Wilder, a widow in  
destitute circumstances, that the water tax may be remitted to  
her. Referred to the Water Registrar.

Otis

Writ of Allyn Otis vs. City of  
Boston to have a certain tax paid by him refunded, he not being  
a citizen of the City at the time. Referred to the City Solicitor.

Funerail

Hall

The City Solicitor, agreeably to an or-  
der of this board, submitted an opinion in relation to the care  
and custody of Funerail Hall which was laid on the table  
and ordered to be printed.

Lynch

Petition of Stephen Lynch, and  
others, to have a new Street laid out from Haymarket Place to  
Boylston street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Knox

Petition of Robert Knox & Alexander

Thomas

Thomas, to be paid for land taken from them to widen Barrett  
Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Adams

Petition of Jsa Adams, to be paid  
for taking his land to make Waltham street. Referred to the  
Committee on Streets.

Petition of Henry L. Fyling, 197

to have nuisances abated, on a vacant lot of land on May 12, 1851  
Harrison Avenue opposite Pine Ind, occasioned by stagnant  
water and the overflowing of certain vaults. Referred to the  
Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of George L. Deblois, & Deblois

others, to have a nuisance abated on land on the easterly  
side of Rutland street, occasioned by stagnant water. Re-  
ferred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of Stephen Smith, and Smith

others, to have nuisances abated in Newland and other streets,  
occasioned by want of earth to cover the drains &c. Referred  
to the Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of John Osborn, & Osborn

others, to have a sidewalk laid on the westerly side of  
B. street from Broadway to Third street. Referred to the Com-  
mittee on Paving.

Petition of George J. Parkman, Parkman

Executor, to have the sidewalk in North Grove street relaid.  
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Thayer and Rice, Thayer

and others, that India street be graded and paved. Referred  
to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Calvin Swallow, and Swallow

others, to have crossing stones placed across Charlestown street  
from Thacher and Purcell streets. Referred to the Committee  
on Paving.



Petition of Samuel J. Way, claiming damages in consequence of driving his horse and carriage against a post, corner of Norton and Belmont streets. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Bryant

Petition of David Bryant, & others, to have crossing stones laid from Kneeland in Lincoln and Utica streets. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Dunham

Petition of Josiah Dunham, Jr. & others, to have Broadway paved from Turnpike Street to B. Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Dunham

Petition of Josiah Dunham, Jr. and others, to have the grade of South Street changed between M. & N. Streets. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Wilder

Petition of Marshall P. Wilder, & others, grantees named in the act of incorporation of the Pleasant Bunch Rail Road, to the Legislature, that further time be allowed for the location and construction of said Rail Road. Referred to Aldermen Briggs & Kimball.

Street Signs

South & East

Boston

The order which passed this board on the 5<sup>th</sup> instant, in concurrence with the Common Council, instructing the Committee on Public Buildings to place suitable street signs upon the corners of the streets in East & South Boston, was reconsidered and amended, and the same passed as amended, as follows, viz: - It is, insert the following, "Resolved however that any action under this order, shall not be deemed as an acceptance of such sheets, or as in any way

affecting the rights and duties of the City in relation thereto, do  
Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred. May 12, 1851.

Petition of John D. Kittredge, Kittredge  
and others, owners &c. in Fayette and Tremont streets and  
Indiana place, that all obstructions be removed from the sewer  
constructed by the Water Power Company. Referred to the Com-  
mittee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of G. W. Crockett, & others, Crockett  
to have a sewer laid in Willow street. Referred to the Commit-  
tee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of Calvin W. Clark, to Clark  
have the common sewer in Kingston street taken up and relaid.  
Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of George Whittemore, & Whittemore  
others, in behalf of James W. Hurry, for services by said Hurry Hurry.  
rendered in looking after truant children, and others in Ward  
No. 8. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Charles L. Holbrook, First  
in behalf of the First Regiment in First Brigade, First Division Regiment  
of Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, to have to include a portion  
of the Common for a Review of said Regiment. Referred to the  
Mayor.

Petition of William H. Hill and Co. Hill.  
that the Ordinance ordinance may be strictly enforced. Referred to the  
the Mayor



Remonstrance of Jeremiah Williams,

May 12 1851 and others against removing the wagon, &c. from Guy's Market  
Williams Square. Referred to the joint standing committee on Public  
Stands. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Gilson.

Petition of H. Y. Gilson, for leave to

place a Steam Engine in a building fronting on Barrett  
street. Referred to the Committee on Steam Engines.

Suffolk

Ordered, That the Superintendent

Street.

of that be directed to alter the grade of the sidewalk on the  
east side of Suffolk Street, between Golden and Marlboro Streets  
so as to make it correspond with the grade of Suffolk Street.

Need's Island.

Ordered, That the Committee on

Chelsea Point. Laying out and widening Streets, be requested to consider  
the expediency of changing the location of the street over  
Need's Island to the Bridge at Chelsea Point.

Streets.

Ordered, That the Committee on

Obstructions

of

Ordinances, consider and report whether any, and if any,  
what alterations are necessary or expedient to be made in  
the ordinance of the City relating to obstructions in the streets.  
Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read  
and concurred.

Institutions.

Ordered, That the Committee on

Public worship.

the Institutions at South Boston &c. inquire and report, if  
any and what provision can be made for accommodating  
the inmates of the House of Correction at South Boston at

the other Institutions, that they may all attend Public worship. 201.

Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

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Communication of David Kim- House of

ball on behalf of the Director of the House of Industry to have Industry  
the New Arms house increased and made suitable for occupancy  
Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for  
concurrence. Came up concurred.

Quarterly report of the Super- Public

-intendent of Public Lands. Read and ordered to be printed. Lands

Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Communication from the School Franklin

Committee respecting the ventilation & and alterations in the School house.  
Franklin School house. Referred to the Committee on Public  
Instruction. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence.  
Read and concurred.

The request of the School Com- Johnson

-mittee, to have recitation rooms constructed in the Johnson School house  
School house, and other alterations and repairs made &c. Refer-  
red in Common Council to the joint Standing Committee on  
Public Instruction. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred.

Application of C. A. Walker to be Walker

appointed Superintendent of the Boston Lunatic Hospital. Re-  
ferred in Common Council to the Committee on the Institutions  
at South Boston and Deer Island. Came up for concurrence. Read  
and concurred.



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St. John  
Church

The Committee on Sewers and  
Drains, to whom was referred the petition of St. John's Church,  
East Boston, to have an assessment abated, for a common  
sewer in Locust Street, reported, that the collection thereof be  
postponed until an entry shall have been made into the  
sewer. Read and accepted.

Public

Buildings

The ballots being taken for a Su-  
perintendent of Public Buildings it appeared that James M.  
Allaster was chosen in concurrence.

Port

Physician

Agreeably to assignment the  
board proceeded by ballot to the choice of Port Physician, and  
the votes being taken, it appeared that John M. Moriarty was  
elected on the part of this board. Sent down for concurrence.  
Came up concurred.

City

Physician

The board, agreeably to assignment,  
proceeded by ballot to the choice of City Physician, and the votes  
being taken, it appeared that Henry G. Clark was chosen on the  
part of this board. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Consulting

Physicians

Agreeably to assignment the board  
proceeded by ballot to the choice of five Consulting Physicians,  
and the votes being taken, it appeared that Doctors John C.  
Warren, George Hayward, George C. Halluck, Jacob Bigelow and  
Yabediel B. Adams were duly elected. Sent down for concurrence.  
Came up concurred.

Salaries

The Committee appointed to confer with  
the Committee of the Common Council on the order establish-  
ing the Salaries of the officers of the City of Boston and County  
of Suffolk, for the year 1851 '52. Report, that they have met the

Committee of the Common Council and conferred together on 203  
the subject of the proposed amendment in the 23<sup>d</sup> section, estab-  
lishing the City Physician's salary; and the Committee  
agreed to recommend, that the Common Council should recede  
from its former vote, and concur with the Board of Mayor and  
Aldermen, in the proposed amendment, by striking out "eight  
hundred" and inserting "One thousand." Accordingly the Common  
Council receded from its former vote of nonconcurrence touching  
the third amendment, and concurred in the same as made by  
this board. And now the Order establishing the Salaries of the  
Officers of the City of Boston, and County of Suffolk for the year  
1851-52. having been amended and passed in concurrence by  
both branches of the City Council, is here recorded at length:—  
An Order, establishing the Salaries of the Officers of the City  
of Boston, and County of Suffolk for the year 1851-52. Ordered  
by the Mayor and Aldermen and Common Council of the  
City of Boston in City Council assembled, as follows: The Sal-  
aries of the several City and County Officers for the year be-  
ginning on the first day of April, one thousand eight hun-  
dred and fifty one, and ending on the thirty-first day of March,  
one thousand eight hundred and fifty two, shall be as here-  
in mentioned to be paid quarter-yearly unless herein other-  
wise ordered. Sect. 1. The salary of the Mayor shall be at the  
rate of twenty five hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 2. The Sal-  
ary of the City Solicitor shall be at the rate of twenty five hun-  
dred dollars per annum and he shall be allowed the sum  
of two hundred dollars per annum for clerk hire. Sect. 3. The  
Salary of the City Treasurer shall be at the rate of twenty  
four hundred dollars per annum, for performing the duties of



204. City and County Treasurer and Collector, and there shall be paid him the sum of thirty five hundred dollars per annum to be paid his clerk, and he shall be allowed the further sum of one thousand dollars to be paid to a clerk for services in the care of the water accounts; and he shall account for all fees, moneys, and commissions which he shall receive in said capacity. Sect. 4. The salary of the Auditor of accounts shall be at the rate of twenty two hundred dollars per annum, including clerk hire; and he shall account for all sums of money received by him in the said capacity. Sect. 5. The salary of the City Clerk shall be at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, and he shall be allowed the further sum of twelve hundred dollars per annum, for the entire services of a clerk in whose duties shall be included the annual preparation of the voting lists, and also the sum of eight hundred dollars to be paid to a clerk for recording mortgages of personal property, and there shall be paid Francis A. Fuller, at the rate of one thousand dollars per annum, for all his services as clerk to all the committees of the City Council, and for general assistance to the City Clerk. The City Clerk shall account for all fees received for recording mortgages, and for all other sums of money which he may receive in his official capacity. Sect. 6. The salary of the City Engineer shall be at the rate of twenty five hundred dollars per annum. The salary of the Assistant Engineer shall be at the rate of one thousand dollars per annum. Sect. 7. The salary of the Clerk of the Common Council shall be at the rate of nine hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 8. The salary of the City Marshal, shall be at the rate of eighteen hundred dollars per annum, and he

shall be allowed a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars per annum to hire a horse and chaise, provided, the bills for the same be approved by the Mayor. The salary of the Deputy Mayor shall be at the rate of eight hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 9. The salary of the Superintendent of Streets shall be at the rate of fourteen hundred dollars per annum. And the Committee on Paving shall have the power to furnish him a horse and chaise at the expense of the City and have the same kept at the City Stable, for which they shall approve the Bills. Sect. 10. The salary of the Superintendent of Public Lands, shall be at the rate of twelve hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 11. The salary of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, shall be at the rate of twelve hundred dollars per annum. And he shall be allowed to hire at the expense of the City a horse and chaise, provided, the bills for the same be approved by the Chairman of the Committee on Public Buildings, but the amount shall not exceed two hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 12. The salary of the Superintendent of Common Sewers, shall be at the rate of twelve hundred dollars per annum. And he shall be allowed to hire at the expense of the City a horse and chaise, provided the bills for the same be approved by the Chairman of the Committee on Sewers and Drains: but the amount shall not exceed two hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 13. The salary of the City Registrar, shall be at the rate of twelve hundred dollars per annum; and he shall be allowed seven hundred dollars per annum to be paid a permanent clerk; and he shall account to the City for all fees received for entering and publishing intentions of marriage and for interments of the dead; and for his Assistant Registrar, he shall be paid a sum



200 not exceeding ten cents for information concerning each birth  
May 12 1851 which may be obtained and received and he shall be allowed  
one hundred and fifty dollars for extra clerk hire. Sect. 14. The  
salary of the Water Registrar, shall be at the rate of twelve  
hundred dollars per annum, with the privilege of having  
a horse and chaise at the city's expense; if the same is ap-  
proved by the Committee on Water, but the amount of such  
expense shall not exceed two hundred dollars per annum.  
Sect. 15. The salary of each of the Inspectors shall be at the  
rate of thirteen hundred dollars per annum, including the  
allowance provided for by the Revised Statutes of the Com-  
monwealth, and there shall be allowed this department,  
the further sum of twenty one hundred dollars to be paid for  
clerk hire. The Assistant Inspectors shall be allowed three dol-  
lars for each and every day which they shall actually  
certify that they have devoted to the service. Sect. 16. The sal-  
ary of the Clerk of Tax and Hall Market shall be at the rate  
of eleven hundred dollars per annum, and he shall ac-  
count for all sums of money received by him in his official  
capacity. The salary of the Deputy Clerk shall be at the  
rate of seven hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 17. The sal-  
ary of the Messenger of the City Council, shall be at the  
rate of seven hundred and fifty dollars per annum, in-  
cluding service for School Committee; the salary of the first  
assistant messenger, Cyrus Gould, shall be at the rate of  
three hundred dollars per annum. And the salary of the  
second assistant messenger Henry J. Colby shall be at the rate  
of two hundred and fifty dollars per annum. Sect. 18. The salary  
of the Superintendent of the Boston Lunatic Hospital shall be

at the rate of twelve hundred dollars per annum, and he 207  
shall be allowed sufficient house room, free of rent and board, May 12, 1851.  
for himself and family in said Hospital, which compensa-  
tion and privileges shall be in full for his services as Super-  
intendent of said Hospital, and also as Physician to the  
House of Correction. Sect. 19. The salary of the Master of the  
House of Correction shall be at the rate of twelve hundred  
dollars per annum, and he shall be allowed sufficient house  
room in said building, free of rent and board, for himself and  
family, but no other fees or perquisites shall be allowed him.  
The salary of the Clerk of the Board of Overseers of the House  
of Correction shall be at the rate of seven hundred dollars  
per annum. Sect. 20. The salary of the Superintendent of the  
House of Industry, &c. shall be at the rate of one thousand  
dollars per annum, and he shall be allowed sufficient  
house room in said building, free of rent and board, for him-  
self and family; but no other fees or perquisites shall be al-  
lowed him. Sect. 21. The salary of the Port Physician shall  
be at the rate of twelve hundred dollars per annum, and  
he shall be allowed sufficient house room, free of rent and  
board, for himself and family; but no other fees or perqui-  
sites shall be allowed him. Sect. 22. The salary of the City  
Physician shall be at the rate of one thousand dollars per  
annum. Sect. 23. The salary of the Harbor Master shall be  
at the rate of twelve hundred dollars per annum, and he  
shall be allowed the sum of seven hundred and thirty dol-  
lars, to be paid to two boatmen, and the further sum of one  
hundred and fifty dollars for rent of office and boat house.  
Sect. 24. The salary of the Superintendent of North Sea Bridge



208 shall be at the rate of eight hundred dollars per annum, and  
May 12 1851. he shall be allowed the use of the said bridge, and free the said  
compensation and privilege, to be in full for his services and  
for the services of such assistants as he may employ. Sect. 25.  
The salary of the Superintendent of the South Tree Bridge shall  
be at the rate of one hundred dollars per annum, and he  
shall be allowed the use of the house and shop on the said  
bridge free of rent. The said compensation and privilege, to be  
in full for the services of himself and assistants. Sect. 26. The  
salary of each of the Justices of the Police Court shall be at the  
rate of fifteen hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 27. The salary  
of the Clerk of the Police Court, shall be at the rate of eighteen  
hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 28. The salary of the First  
Assistant Clerk of the Police Court, shall be at the rate of twelve  
hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 29. The salary of the Second  
Assistant Clerk of the Police Court, shall be at the rate of eight  
hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 30. There shall be paid a  
sum not exceeding five hundred dollars a year for the servi-  
ces of a Painter, whose duty it shall be to make all the fires,  
and do all the cleaning necessary in City Hall and City  
Buildings including washing windows &c. under the direction  
and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings.  
Sect. 31. The salary of the Superintendent of Faneuil Hall  
shall be at the rate of One hundred and fifty dollars per  
annum. Ordered, That whenever any City Officer shall de-  
mand payment for his salary, or any part thereof, it shall be  
the duty of the Auditor and City Treasurer, to deduct therefrom  
any and all sums due from such officer to the City.

The Committee on Paving, 209.

to whom was referred the petition of Robert Knott and others, May 12. 1851. to have Beacon street Court repaired, reported, that the petitioners Knott have leave to withdraw their petition. Read and accepted

Ordered, that there be paid to William Nichols the sum of sixty two dollars in settlement of his account against the City. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

The Committee on Sewers and Drains Bates to whom was referred the petition of Joseph V. Bates, to have a nuisance abated, and for remuneration for clearing his graving ways, reported, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Sewers & Drains, Cordis to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Cordis, for abatement of an assessment for a sewer in Third street, reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

On the petition of Gilman Page, & Page others, for a common sewer in Church street, the Committee on Sewers & Drains report a reference of said petition to the Committee on Paving. Read and accepted.

Orders of notice returnable this day, viz: on petition of David S. Blaney, and others, to have a common sewer laid in Fair street, between Wesley & -centur Blaney-  
Gurney-  
Bragdon-  
Gore.  
Acts. - of Henry S. Gurney, and others, in Webster street. - of William Bragdon, and others, in Bennington street. - of M. J. Gore, & others, in Haver street, between Haverick and Summer streets, and now no objection being made thereto, the same were referred to



210. the Committee on Sewers and Drains, with full power.

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Charles Street. The Committee on Paving, to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Jones to be employed to repair Charles Street, from Beacon to Baylston streets, reported, that the petitioner be employed under direction and to the satisfaction of the Mayor, commencing in May instant, at an expense not exceeding \$45 per month. Read and accepted.

Alms house. Ordered, That the Committee on  
Deer Island Public Institutions be requested to consider and report, at their earliest convenience, what measures are best to be adopted in reference to heating and cooking apparatus for the New Alms House at Deer Island and the probable cost of the same. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred with this amendment, instead of 'Public Institutions' insert 'Institutions at South Boston and Deer Island'. Read and concurred.

Malcher. The Committee on Paving, to whom was referred the petition of Nathaniel Malcher, and others, to be paid the damage they sustained owing to the high tide, and the low grade of the bed of the Boston and Worcester Rail Road track in Castle, Orange and Village streets, reported, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition. Read & accepted.

Deer. The Committee on Sewers & Drains, to whom was referred the petition of Dexter, Hixson and Dexter, to be paid the damage they have sustained in consequence of their hack and pair of horses falling into a cess pool in Atkinson Street, reported, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition. Read and accepted.

to whom was referred the petition of Leonard West for a hearing on his application to be appointed a Special Policeman at the Old Colony Rail Road Station, reported, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted. May 12, 1851. West

The Committee to whom was Mellen referred the petition of Mellen & Co. and others, to have a nuisance abated, in a passage way between N<sup>o</sup> 20 and 24. Merchants Row, reported, that no further action is required respecting said nuisance. Read and accepted.

The Committee to whom was Babson. referred the petition of William R. Babson, to be remunerated the damage he has suffered in consequence of lowering the grade of Suffolk street reported, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Faving, to Chilson whom was referred the petition of Gardner Chilson, to have the cross street, leading from Brookline street to Canton street, filled up to a suitable grade, reported, that the prayer of the petitioner be granted. Read and accepted.

On the petition of Isaac Babbitt Babbitt, to have a nuisance abated occasioned by Holis and Prescott digging a cellar on their land on Washington street. The Committee on Internal health have examined the premises alluded to in the accompanying paper and report that in their judgement there is no action which the City can take that would be effectual in removing the grievances complain-



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May 12. 1851. Read and accepted.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Street be authorized to pave 7th Street from Oak to Bennett Street, and make such alterations in the grade and width of the sidewalk as shall be found necessary.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Street be authorized to repair Hanover Street from Court Street to Union Street, and make such alterations in the grade and width of the sidewalks as shall be found necessary to conform to the order passed August 19<sup>th</sup> 1850.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Street be authorized to pave Meridian Street from Fair to Sarsaparilla Street.

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the inhabitants of this City require that Purchase Street should be widened near the estate of Edward Riddle and that Atkinson Street should be continued from Purchase Street to Broad Street and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to Levi A. Lowley - bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at the Southwesterly corner of the brick house numbered fifty nine on the Southwesterly side of Purchase Street, belonging to Edward Riddle, and running Southwesterly in a straight line towards the outside face of the foundation wall of the fence in front of St. Stephens Chapel, nine feet and seventy five hundredths of a foot, thence South-

eastwardly along the Northeastly side of the proposed extension of Atkinson street, one hundred and fifty one feet and sixty seven hundredths of a foot, to the Northeastly side of Broad street; thence Southwestwardly along the Northeastly side of Broad street forty feet and seven hundredths of a foot to the Southwestly side of the proposed extension of Atkinson street; thence Northwestwardly along the Southwestly side of the proposed extension of Atkinson street one hundred and fifty one feet to the line first above described; thence Southwestwardly along the said first described line, sixty four feet and thirty three hundredths of a foot to a point eight eight hundredths of a foot Northwestwardly from the Northeastly corner of the brick house numbered forty two on the Southeastly side of Purchase street measuring along the line of the Northeastly side of said last mentioned brick building; thence Northwestwardly along the last described line, one foot and ninety seven hundredths of a foot, to the Southeastly side of Purchase street; thence Northeastwardly along the Southeastly side of Purchase street, by an irregular line, one hundred & ninety six feet and twenty one hundredths of a foot to the Northeastly corner of said Dowley's lot; thence Southeastwardly along the Northeastly side of said Dowley's lot three feet and six hundredths of a foot to the point of beginning; containing six thousand five hundred and five square feet, more or less. It is understood that the said extension of Atkinson street is to be every where forty feet wide, and the two sides thereof to be in the production of the same lines as were adopted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, for the widening of Atkinson street Northwestwardly of



214. Purchase street. And whereas, due notice has been given May 12<sup>th</sup> 1851. of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid as appears by the return hereunto annexed It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as public street or ways of the said City - and that the parcel which is a continuation of Atkinson Street be called & known by the name of Atkinson Street - according to a plan of the said widening made by E. S. Chetbrough dated May 12<sup>th</sup> 1851. and deposited in the Office of the said Mayor & Aldermen.

Dowley.

Whereas this Board, by a Resolve passed this day has taken a certain parcel of land, therein described, lying between Purchase and Broad Streets, being a continuation of Atkinson Street, and also on Purchase Street itself, and laid out the same as a public street or way of said City, it is therefore Ordered, That due notice be given to Levi A. Dowley and all other persons interested as owners, proprietors, tenants, occupants, or otherwise, in said land that they cut off, pull down, remove and carry away all buildings, erections and obstructions of every sort standing on and projecting over the line of the continuation of said Atkinson Street, and also of said Purchase Street, as established by the Resolve aforesaid, or, move and set back the same to the said line, and vacate and surrender the land and premises taken as aforesaid on or before the second day of June now next ensuing. And in default thereof, the City Marshal is hereby directed and empowered forthwith to enter

upon said land and cause all buildings, erections and ob- 215.  
structions standing on and projecting over the line of said <sup>May 12 1851</sup>  
streets, as established by the Resolve aforesaid, to be cut off,  
pulled down removed and carried away, or to be moved and  
set back to said line, and the said land to be vacated &  
surrendered under the direction of the Committee on laying  
out and widening streets.

Whereas Levi A. Dowley has given Dowley.  
notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on Pearl Pearl &  
and High Street in the said City; and, in the opinion of High Street.  
the Board the safety and convenience of the inhabitants  
require that the said streets should be widened at the  
place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby Or-  
dered, That due notice be given to the said Dowley that this  
Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking  
a part of the land now about to be built upon as aforesaid,  
and laying out the same as a public street, and that  
Monday, the nineteenth day of May instant at four o'clock,  
P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which  
may be made thereto.

Whereas the Second Universalist Second  
ist Society has given notice to this Board of their intention Universalist  
to repair their building on School Street in the said City; <sup>School</sup>  
and, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and conveni- School Street  
-ence of the inhabitants require that the line of said street  
as indicated on a plan drawn by E. J. Chestrough, Engineer,  
and dated March 27<sup>th</sup> last should be maintained at the  
place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby Or-  
-dered, That due notice be given to Norton Talbot, Clerk of said



216 Society, that this Board intend to maintain said line before  
May 1. 1851. mentioned and will take any part of the land belonging  
to said Society and now about to be built upon as aforesaid,  
which may be found to project over said line and lay out  
the same as a public street and that Monday, the nineteenth  
day of May instant at four o'clock P.M. is assigned as the  
time for hearing any objections which may be made there-  
to.

Boylston  
street.  
Adams

Resolved, That the safety and  
convenience of the Inhabitants of this City require that Boyle-  
ston street should be widened and for that purpose it is nec-  
essary to take, and lay out as a public street a way of the  
said City, a parcel of land belonging to Charles H. Adams bound-  
ed as follows, viz: Beginning at the southeasterly corner of  
the same, at a point on the westerly side of Lowell Place,  
and on a line drawn straight from a point two inches south-  
-easterly from the front side on Boylston Street of the stone part  
of the fence on the easterly corner of Boylston street, and  
Lowell Place, to the northeasterly corner of the brick building  
on the southeasterly corner of Boylston and Tremont Streets;  
thence along said described line thirty three feet and sixty  
one hundredths of a foot to said brick building; thence North-  
-wardly, and at right angles to the last described line,  
twenty hundredths of a foot; thence, easterly along the  
southerly side of Boylston Street, thirty three feet and eighty  
four hundredths of a foot to Lowell Place; and thence south-  
-wardly along the westerly side of Lowell Place, two feet &  
thirty eight hundredths of a foot to the point of beginning;  
containing fifty one square feet and seventy six hundredths

of a square foot, more or less. And Whereas, due notice has 217.  
been given of the intention of this Board to take the said May 12, 1851.  
parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the  
return herunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the  
parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is,  
taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said  
city according to a plan of the said widening made by E.  
S. Chesbrough dated April 9<sup>th</sup> last, and deposited in the Office  
of the said Mayor and Aldermen.

Whereas the Board by a Resolution  
passed this day has taken a certain parcel of land, Boylston  
therein described, lying on Boylston Street and laid out the Street.  
same as a public street or way of said city, it is therefore  
Ordered, That due notice be given to Charles F. Adams and  
all other persons interested as owners, proprietors, tenants, oc-  
cupants, or otherwise, in said land that they cut off, pull  
down, remove and carry away all buildings, erections and  
obstructions of every sort standing on and projecting over the  
line of said Boylston Street, as established by the Resolve  
aforesaid, or, move and set back the same to the said  
line, and vacate and surrender the land and premises  
taken as aforesaid on or before the first day of June now  
next ensuing. And in default thereof, the City Marshal is  
hereby directed and empowered forthwith to enter upon said  
land and cause all buildings, erections and obstructions  
standing on and projecting over the line of said Boylston  
Street, as established by the Resolve aforesaid, to be cut off,  
pulled down, removed and carried away, or to be moved and  
set back to said line, and the said land to be vacated.



218. and surrendered under the direction of the Committee  
May 12, 1851. on laying out and widening streets.

Resolved, That the safety  
and convenience of the inhabitants of the City require that  
that portion of the street running from Sanson to Union Street, be ac-  
cepted it is hereby ordered, that Union Street as aforesaid,  
be taken as it now is and with its present boundaries and  
limits, and the same is accepted and laid out as a public  
street or way of the said City.

Exton. The Joint Special Committee to  
whom was referred the petition of John M. Exton and others, ask-  
ing that the ordinance passed in 1817 relating to smoking of  
lighted cigars in the street may be repealed, report: that  
they have had the subject under consideration, and on en-  
quiry, find that the Ordinance referred to in their petition,  
is a Statute law of the Commonwealth, not subject to a re-  
peal or a modification by the City Government; therefore, they  
would recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw  
their petition. In the Committee, Billings Briggs, Chairman. Read  
and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Same up concurred.

Perkins Ordered, That the Superintend-  
ent of Street be directed to finish the grading of 4th and 4th  
and 4th Street between Boston according to the established grade, as  
asked for in the petition of the Perkins Institution and Al-  
lum for the Blind.

Shackel On the petition of Charles A. Shack-  
el and others. Ordered, That due notice be given that this  
Board will, on Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M. take into

consideration the expediency of constructing a Common Sewer in Third Street and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons who may enter their particular Drains into such Common Sewer or who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person making objections thereto will then and there be heard.

Ordered, That due notice be E. & Seventh

given that this Board will, on Monday next, at four o'clock, A.M. take into consideration the expediency of constructing a Common Sewer in E. and Seventh streets and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons who may enter their particular Drains into such Common Sewer, or who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

On the petition of William B. Norr  
Nor. and others to have Iron Street, so called, opened and repaired for travel between Fourth and Seventh streets: The Committee on laying out and widening Streets have visited the street which it is herein prayed may be made and laid out as a public street, and have heard the petitioners thereon and they now respectfully report, that Iron Street so called is the part of Third Street which passes in front of Jones Iron Factory and over 4th Street to Swan Street, and that these petitioners desire that the City should continue said street South only over the flats, now covered about seven feet deep with water, for several hundred feet to the point where Seventh Street, if continued, would intersect with it, and from this point to turn to the Eastward and continue said street



220. At a meeting of the Rochester Turnpike just where the Railroad  
May 12, 1851. crosses the same. After fully considering the subject the  
Committee are of opinion that the public interests at this  
time do not require a street such as is proposed, and that  
the City would not be justified in incurring the expense  
which would be required to make the same, and they  
are therefore to be discharged from further duty in relation  
thereto. In the committee, Henry B. Rogers, Chairman, read  
and accepted.

Engineer- Ordered, That the Committee on  
Spil' City- Accounts be instructed to allow the bill of George A. Bailey,  
Assistant City Engineer, to April 1<sup>st</sup> 1851 as approved by E. F.  
Nichols Esq. City Engineer. Passed in Common Council.  
Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Jamaica Ordered, That the Joint Standing  
Fond Committee on Water be directed to consider, and report as  
aqueduct soon as practicable, whether the Water Board as at present  
constituted, has the authority to purchase the property and  
franchise of the Jamaica Fond Aqueduct Company, and  
whether such purchase by that Board would be legally  
binding on the City, and that said Committee have leave  
to consult the City Solicitor concerning the same. Also to  
consider and report whether it is expedient for the City to  
purchase the property and franchise, or either of them, of  
said Aqueduct Company. Passed in Common Council. Came  
up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The Committee on Paving, 221.

to whom was referred the petition of J. E. & H. Brown, asking <sup>Brown</sup>  
to construct coal holes under the sidewalk in Pearl street  
and Pearl Place, report that leave be granted to construct  
coal holes in Pearl street, but not Pearl Place, on the usual  
conditions. For the Committee, Billings Briggs Chairman. Read  
and accepted.

Benjamin D. Whitney was li- Auctioneer.  
-censed as an Auctioneer, and his bond approved.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P. M.

At a Special meeting of the board  
of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City  
Hall on Saturday the Seventeenth day of May, A. D. 1851

Present,

The Mayor, Aldermen Briggs, Munroe, Kimball and Clark.



Ordered, That the Superintendent  
 Jay - of Streets be authorized to cause a sidewalk to be laid in front  
 of the estate of the heirs of the late Winsa Jay, on Harrison Avenue.

Ordered, That the Superintendent  
 of Streets be authorized to remove the front door step to the  
 estate of Elian in Ash Street and all other obstructions  
 in said sidewalk.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P. M.

At a meeting of the board of Mayor  
 and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Mon-  
 day the Nineteenth day of May, Anno Domini, 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Grant  
 and Holbrook.

Wheeler

Petition of Joel Wheeler, and others,  
 to have Suffolk Street paved. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Puffer

Petition of A. D. Puffer, for leave to put  
 iron gratings to his buildings in Devonshire and Water streets.  
 Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of James Deluce, to 223.

have the grade of Second street near K. street lowered, May 19, 1851  
for that compensation be made him for injury done to Deluce  
his premises by altering the grade of Second street. Referred  
to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of John Bacon and others. Bacon  
to have Harvard Place repaired. Referred to the Committee on  
Paving.

Petition of J. P. & W. K. Palmer, for Palmer.  
leave to construct a coal hole in front of their house in Suffolk  
Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Israel Gates, and others, Gates.  
to have crossing stones placed in Court street, near Sudbury  
street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Sylvester Lakin, to Lakin  
have an apportionment for a sewer in Broad street, postponed  
until he shall enter the same. Referred to the Committee  
on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of David Morgan, and Morgan  
others in relation to apportionment for a common sewer in Carter  
street, East Boston. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and  
Drains.

Petition of David Sears, to have Sears.  
a good and sufficient drain made so as to carry off the  
back water from the cellar of his store on Washington street  
called "the Liberty Tree" block. Referred to the Committee on  
Sewers and Drains.



Petition of Perez C. Richmond,  
May 19, 1851 claiming damages in reason of lowering the depth of  
Richmond Canal River. Referred to the Architectural Water Board. Sent  
down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Treasurer's The City Treasurer's communication  
accounts transmitting his accounts for 1850 & 51. Referred in Common  
Council to the Committee on the Treasury Department. Came  
up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Tisdale Petition of William Tisdale, Jr for a  
loan from the Franklin Fund. Referred to the Committee on  
Licenses.

Boston Communication from the Water board  
aqueduct. respecting the purchase of the Boston Aqueduct. Referred to the  
Committee on Water and ordered to be printed. Sent down for  
concurrence. Came up concurred.

Bond's Petition of Bond's Cornet Band,  
cornet to be appointed to do duty on 4<sup>th</sup> of July next. Referred in Com-  
mon Council to the Joint Committee on Independence. Came up  
for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Houses of Agreeably to assignment  
Industry & the board proceeded by ballot to the choice of Directors of  
Education the Houses of Industry and Education and the vote be-  
ing taken it appeared that Homer Allen, Samuel Leach, and  
J. Wellington, William Dall, William Freeman, William Hallett,  
David Kimball, John Mint, and Nathaniel Brewer, were elec-  
ted on the part of this board. Sent down for concurrence. Came up  
concurred all elected except Samuel Leach in place of W<sup>m</sup> Hallett &  
William Freeman.

The board proceeded by bal- 225.

it is the choice of Council of the House of Correction, and the May 19, 1851.  
votes being taken, it appeared that William H. Andrews, George Stone of  
Lincoln, Thos Crocker, James Clark and Thomas Aslican were  
elected on the part of this board. Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The board proceeded by ballot House of  
it is the choice of Master of the House of Correction, and the votes Correction  
being taken, it appeared that Charles Robins was chosen on Master  
the part of this board. Sent down for concurrence. Came up  
concurred.

The Committee on Streets, to whom Greenough.  
was referred the remonstrance of D. J. Greenough, and others,  
against the Universalist Society's building beyond the line of  
School street, reported, that no further action is required on the  
same. Read and accepted.

The Universalist Society appeared Universalist  
agreed to notice returned at this time, by their agent, and Society.  
objected to the cutting off their land to widen School street and School St.  
after a hearing, the subject was recommitted to the Committee  
on Streets.

The Committee on Paving, to whom Dexter.  
was referred the petition of Hiram Dexter and John B. Dexter giving  
notice of intention to build and asking that a coal hole be  
constructed in Gibbens Court leading from the west side of  
Washington street, also on Bumstead Court; report, that, as  
the above are private ways, the petitioners have cause to with-  
draw their petition. In the Committee, Billings Briggs, Chairman.  
Read and accepted.



Remembrance of William Beals,  
 May 19 1851 and others against granting a license to James G. Avery to  
 make and exhibit fireworks on the Common on the 4<sup>th</sup> of  
 July next. Read and laid on the table

Have

Resolved

The Committee appointed by the  
 Council to make arrangements for the celebration of the next  
 Anniversary of American Independence submit the following  
 Report: Three different parties have petitioned the City Council  
 for the contract to furnish the fireworks for display on the even-  
 ing of the fourth of July next. These petitions were referred to  
 the Committee of Arrangements. The Sub Committee on fireworks  
 gave the petitioners a candid and careful hearing, the parties  
 were all represented, and exhibited their patterns & programmes.  
 After this investigation the Sub Committee by written vote,  
 elected as James G. Avery with great unanimity, as the person  
 whose plans and estimates were in their judgement, the most  
 suitable to the city. They reported to the general Committee,  
 the report was accepted, and it was voted to make applica-  
 tion to the City Council to authorize the contract with Mr. Avery  
 in accordance with the provision of the Ordinance in rela-  
 tion to City Officers, passed Dec. 23<sup>d</sup> 1850. The Committee therefore  
 recommend the passage of the annexed order. In behalf of the  
 Committee, James W. Sever. Ordered, That the Committee of  
 Arrangements for the celebration of the next Anniversary of  
 American Independence are authorized to contract with Mr. James  
 G. Avery for the fireworks for exhibition on the Common on the  
 evening of the fourth of July next. Passed in Common Council.  
 Came up for concurrence. Read and Nonconcurrent.

The Joint Standing Committee 227

on Public Buildings to whom was referred the petition of the Pulaski Guards asking the city to pay the rent of their rooming. Report: Company G. That they have considered the subject and would recommend the passing of the subjoined order. In the Committee, Guards Billings Buigg Chairman. Ordered, That there be paid to the Pulaski Guards the sum of Two Hundred dollars in full for the rent of their rooming to the first of May 1851 and the same be charged to the appropriation for incidental expenses and Miscellaneous claims. Read, accepted and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Ordered, That due notice be

given that this Board will, on Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M., take into consideration the expediency of constructing the Common Sewer in Willow Street, and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons who may enter their particular Drains into such Common Sewer, or who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

Willow  
Street-  
Crockett

The Joint Special Committee

on the Fire Department to whom was referred an order to consider the expediency of using the rooms in the second stories of the Engine, Hydrant and Hook and Ladder Houses for Primary School purposes. Report: That the Committee were of the opinion that the use of the rooms above referred to might be dispensed with for the purpose of the Fire Department there in which the apparatus is kept being sufficient for all purposes.

Engine  
Room  
Primari  
School



228. connected with the duties of the various companies, and under  
May 14 1851 that being incorporated a provision to that effect into the ordinance  
just reported. It appears from an examination of some of the houses  
referred to in the order, that, a considerable number of rooms well  
adapted to Primary School purposes may be obtained at small  
expense for alterations, without any detriment to the interests of  
the Fire Department, and thereby save the expenditure necessary  
to provide accommodations elsewhere for Primary Schools which  
as a plan will be wanted. In the Committee, A. T. Lincoln. In  
Common Council. Accepted. Came up for concurrence. Read and  
concurred

Streets. The Joint Committee on Ordinances who were directed "to consider whether any and, if any,  
obstructions in what alterations are necessary or expedient to be made in the  
Ordinances of the City relating to obstructions in the Streets," beg.  
leave to Report: The Committee understand that the above order  
was made in consequence of a suggestion, contained in the re-  
port of the City Marshal of March 31<sup>st</sup> last, that some further pro-  
visions of law were needed for the purpose of facilitating the  
removal of obstructions in the Streets. But, on examination,  
they find that none such can be made by the City Council, -  
since the subject matter is regulated by a Statute of the Com-  
monwealth and not by an Ordinance. In the old ordinance  
on obstructions in the Streets, passed May 11<sup>th</sup> 1848. Section 1<sup>st</sup> sev-  
eral rigid and minute provisions were introduced by which  
under various penalties, persons were forbidden to place bales,  
boxes, or other like articles, in the Streets or to suffer them to re-  
main therein after notice given for their removal; - but it  
was ascertained that they conflicted with the provisions of the

Statute on the same subject, and they were therefore left out 229.  
in the present Ordinance. The Statute referred to is contained on May 19 1851.  
page 370 of the new book of Ordinances; and by the 15<sup>th</sup> section  
it authorizes the Mayor & Aldermen "to remove all goods, wares  
& merchandize obstructing the 'highways', contrary to the meaning of  
this Act, and keep them in safe custody," - and it provides that  
the owner shall not be entitled to have them restored until he  
has paid all expenses incurred in removing & storing them, as  
well as a reasonable compensation for the time occupied in  
their removal. And, with regard to "empty boxes, barrels, hogs-  
heads, or other convenience, capable of containing goods or  
merchandise", the same section provides, that the placing of  
such articles in the streets, more than five minutes after  
notice given to remove the same, subjects the party offending  
to a fine of two dollars for each offence, to be recovered by action  
of debt in the Justice Court. Your Committee are of opinion  
that the above provisions are all that are required upon  
this subject at the present time, and they ask to be discharged  
from its further consideration. In the Committee, Henry B. Rogers  
chairman, - reported in common council. Came up for concu-  
-rence. Read and concurred.

Whereas Geo. W. Messinger for him-  
self and other owners has given notice to this Board of his  
intention to erect buildings on the corner of Washington & First  
Street, in the said city; and, in the opinion of the Board the  
safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said  
Street should be widened at the place described in the said  
notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given  
to the said Messinger that this Board intend to widen the

Messinger.  
Washington  
Street



250. Street before mentioned is taking a part of the land now about  
May 19, 1851 is to be built upon as a public street and laying out the same as  
a public street and that Monday, the twenty sixth day of  
May instant at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time  
for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Clark  
Kingston St. On the petition of Calvin W. Clark,  
Ordered, That due notice be given that this Board will, on  
Monday next at four o'clock, P.M., take into consideration the  
expediency of constructing a Common Sewer in Kingston Street  
and of assenting thereto on all persons who may enter  
their particular Drains into such Common Sewer, or who by any  
other mode means shall receive any benefit thereby: any per-  
son making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

Jenkins  
Thacher On the several petitions of Joshua  
Jenkins, and others, for a common sewer in E. Street; and Charles  
Thacher A. Thacher in Third Street, near B. on which orders of notice  
were passed, returnable this day, and no person appearing to ob-  
ject, it was thereupon ordered, that the same be recommitted  
to the Committee on Sewers and Drains with full power.

Union  
Park Upon the petition of the Committee  
on Public Lands; Ordered, That the part of the public lands  
known by the name of Weston Street and Square, be and the same  
is hereby known and called by the name of Union Park.

Lewis  
Street Whereas, pursuant to an Order of  
this Board, passed on the second day of December, 1850. public

notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been 231  
constructed on Lewis Street the cost of which was One hundred May 14, 1851  
and fourteen dollars and ninety three cents, one quarter part  
whereof being deducted to be paid by the said City, there  
remains Twenty five dollars 75c to be charged to persons bene-  
fited by the same, according to law: It is therefore, Ordered,  
that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed,  
being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged  
and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names,  
as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and  
the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given  
to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Petition of Mary Wilder, a widow Wilder  
in destitute circumstances, that the water tax may be  
remitted. Referred to the Water Registrar, who reported that  
the City have no right to give away water. Read & placed  
on file.

Petition of John S. Kimball, and Kimball  
others, that a nuisance, corner of Harrison Avenue and East  
Canton Street, caused by stagnant water, may be abated. Referred  
to the Committee on Internal Health.

The Committee on Paving, Lee  
to whom was referred the petition of James G. Smith and others, to  
have the vacant lot of land on West Cedar Street fenced in  
and the edge stone set and side walk laid reported that  
the prayer of the petitioners be granted. Read and accepted.



The Committee to whom was referred the petition of J. Adams to be paid for taking his land to make Waltham street, reported, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Vilon.

The Committee on Steam Engines, to whom was referred the petition of M. Vilon, for leave to place a steam engine in a building fronting on Barrett street, reported, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition. Read and accepted.

Briggs.

The Committee on the petition of G. & M. O. Briggs, for leave to run his fence across K. street, reported, that no action is expedient on the above. Read & accepted.

Lynch

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Stephen Lynch, and others, to have a new street laid out from Haymarket Place to Bayston street, reported, that it is not expedient to lay out a new street, as is prayed for by the petitioners. Read and accepted.

Parkman

The Committee on Paving, to whom was referred the petition of G. F. Parkman, Executor of the Will of George Parkman, decedent to have the side walk laid in North Grove street, reported, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition, he having agreed to do the same himself. Read and accepted.

Quinlan

Application of Michael Quinlan to be appointed on the Police. Referred to the Mayor.

The following persons were nom. 233.

inated and appointed Watchmen viz: John A. Best N. B. Pay-  
ant, William Miles, George Nutter, and Jesse D. Scott Watchmen.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the board of Mayor  
and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on  
Monday the Twenty sixth day of May Anno Domini. 1851  
Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Grant.

Petition of Michael Cummiskey, Cummiskey  
and others to have Billerica street accepted and paved. Referred  
to the Committee on Streets.



May 26, 1851 nuisance abated in Gerritt Street occasioned by the overflow-  
 ing of a vault. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Midland The City Engineer presented his  
 last year report on the order of the first instant respecting the location  
 of the Midland Rail Road through South Boston, as exhibited  
 on the plan presented by said Corporation. Referred to the Com-  
 mittee on Streets.

Furst Petition of S. Furst, and others,  
 for the free use of one of the School houses for public worship,  
 by a German Society. Referred to the joint Standing Committee  
 on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Came up  
 concurred.

Williams. Petition of George F. Williams, &  
 others for the use of Faneuil Hall, to hold meetings by the  
 friends of the Union. Referred to the Committee on Public  
 Buildings on the part of this board.

Hypocoten Petition of J. Warren Hypocoten,  
 and others to have South Russell street lighted with gas.  
 Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

Brilliant. Petition of Frank W. Brilliant,  
 for a license to exhibit a Panorama of Elgin's Progress, at  
 the Masonic Temple. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Raymond W. Petition of Raymond W., for  
 a license to exhibit Wild Beasts in the Public Garden.  
 Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

The Committee on Paving, to 235.

whom was referred the petition of A. W. Puffer for leave to May 20. 1851.  
put iron gratings to his buildings in Devonshire and Water Puffer  
streets, reported, that the prayer of the petitioner be granted on  
the usual conditions, the grating not exceeding eighteen inches  
in width. Read and accepted.

Petition of John S. Tyler, & others, Tyler.

for leave to use a hydrant in Cover street, for watering said Cover St.  
street and that the drivers of carts employed by the Boston  
Water-Works Company may conform to existing ordinances.  
Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Ford H<sup>o</sup> to be Ford H<sup>o</sup>

remunerated for the loss of a horse, by backing off the wall  
into the dock, from First street. Referred to the Committee on  
Licenses.

Petition of J. B. Davis, and others, Davis.

praying that Sean J. Adams, may be licensed to have a Adams.  
hack placed in Tremont street for the accommodation of  
said petitioners, and others. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Ordered, That a joint special Telegraph

Committee be appointed to cause the lot of land called a Hill  
Common on Telegraph Hill, to be fenced and the ground  
graded and otherwise improved. Passed in common council  
and Messrs. Dunham, Manning and Abbott were appointed  
on the part of said board. Came up for concurrence. Read &  
concurred, and Aldermen Briggs and Munroe were joined.



Ordered, That a message

May 26, 1851. be sent to the Common Council, proposing a convention of both branches of the City Council on Thursday evening next at a quarter past eight o'clock, for the purpose of choosing a City and County Treasurer for the year ensuing.

Public

The ballots being taken &amp; counted

Land.

for a Superintendent of Public Land it appeared that He-  
ggen Tucker was elected in concurrence with the Common  
Council.

Aliens

The Director of the House of In-

dustry made return of the Aliens admitted to said house  
in the months of March and April. Came up from the Com-  
mon Council. Read & filed.

Hay Scales.

Ordered, That the Committee on

Northern

Faring be requested to enquire into the expediency of re-  
moving the Northern Hay Scales to some other suitable loca-  
tion

New Street.

Resolved, That this board will

Build

lay out a Street forty feet wide with a grade fifteen feet above  
low water mark, from Washington Street, near the estate of  
Henry H. Hancock, to Tremont Street, as prayed for by Stephen  
Child and others, provided, satisfactory security shall be given  
ed within six months from this date, that the expense of the  
same, including land and damages, shall not exceed the sum  
of twenty seven thousand dollars.

Tables &amp;

Acceptance of the act relating

Burlington

to Tables and Bowling alleys. Read and laid upon the table

The Committee on Paving, to 237

whom was referred the petition of James Deluce, that compensation be made him for damages done to his premises by reason of the alteration of the grade of Second street, reported, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition. Read & accepted. May 20 1851 Deluce

The Committee on Streets, to Fifty

whom was referred the notice of building by the Fifty Associates on Cornhill street, reported, that no action is required in respect to the widening of the street, and that the matter of the grade be referred to the Committee on Paving. Read & accepted. Officials

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of

the petition of Martin Clarke, and others, that Suffolk street, near Blackstone Square, may be watered during the Summer, reported, that the City will allow the sum of fifteen dollars per month for having Suffolk street watered during the Summer. Read & accepted. Clarke. Suffolk St.

The order of notice, upon the notice

of intention to build by George W. Messinger, on the corner of Avery and Washington Streets, returnable this day was read. And no person appearing to object, it was recommitted to the Committee on Streets, with full power. Messinger. Washington Street.

On the petition of Calvin W. Clark,

to have the common sewer in Kingston street taken up and re-laid, upon which an order of notice was issued returnable at this time and no person appearing to object. It was thereupon ordered, that the same be recommitted to the same Committee. Clark. Kingston Street.



238. -tee who reported the same with full power.

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Prescott.

Petition of William Prescott, & others, to have a sewer laid in Havre street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers & Drains.

Deluce

The Committee on Paving, to whom was referred the petition of James Deluce to have the grade of Second street, near N. street, determined, reported, that the City Engineer give the petitioner the grade of Third street. Read and accepted.

Crockett.

On the petition of George W. Crockett, and others, to have a sewer laid in Willow street, upon which an order of notice issued returnable this day, and now no person appearing to object, it was thereupon ordered, that the same be recommitted, with full power.

Palmer

The Committee on Paving, to whom was referred the petition of J. P. & A. B. Palmer, in leave to construct a coal hole in front of their houses on Suffolk street, reported, that the same be granted on the usual terms and conditions. Read & accepted.

Union.

Park

The Committee on Public Lands, in view of the approaching sale ordered by the Committee to take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> June. deem it expedient that the conditions in the accompanying order should be inserted in the deeds and agreements. For the Committee, J. M. P. Bigelow, Chairman. Ordered, That prior to October 1<sup>st</sup> 1852, Union Park between Suffolk and Clement Street shall be completed and underlaid according to a plan made by the City Engi-

-near dated May 19<sup>th</sup> 1851- and in the same manner as 239.  
 Chester Square is laid out and being completed. Also that May 20. 1851.  
 Maltham and Chelsea Streets, shall be graded and sidewalks Maltham  
 laid before October 1<sup>st</sup> 1852. Accepted and the order passed in Chelsea  
 Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and con-  
 -curred with the following amendment, at A insert "between  
 Suffolk and Tremont Streets." Sent down for concurrence. Came  
 up concurred.

The following named persons Police  
 were reappointed Police Officers, revocable at the pleasure of Officers.  
 this board:— Samuel G. Adams, John Dordman, Asa C. Butman,  
 John Crocker, George Churchill, Stephen Curtis,  
 Joshua Dunbar, Alvin S. Drew, William D. Eaton,  
 Samuel B. Fuller, C. P. V. Foster, Jacob Hook,  
 Samuel Hinkson, Benjamin Heath, Luther A. Ham,  
 Nathaniel K. Hammond, Frederic P. Ingalls, William W. Johnson,  
 James Jewett, David A. Judd, George M. King,  
 Rufus Leighton, Asa Morrill, Reuben P. Moore,  
 Harrison Marsh, Edward C. Newhall, John H. Osborn,  
 Benjamin O. Pettingill John C. Pattie, Chas. P. Philbrick  
 Lyssander Ripley, Hurl Richardon, Edward G. Richardson  
 Chas. B. Rice, Oliver H. Spurr, Alfred Sleeper  
 John F. Snow, Edward H. Savage, Wm B. Farlton  
 Robert Taylor, Archibald C. Towie, Silas Warren  
 Willard J. Whiting, Arnold C. Whitcomb. — For Police Officers and  
 Watchmen, Samuel Wesley, Wm C. Cheswell, Oscar Bingham, Vice-  
 Albert Bradshaw, Joshua C. Batchelder, Mitchell Crocker, Watchmen  
 Aaron P. Townes, Mark T. Hinckley, Chas. B. Farlow,  
 Simon B. Huesto, James G. Eichen, Daniel F. Johnson.



240. John P. Lynch, James S. Kimball, James H. Norwood,  
 May 26 1851. David G. Nisf, George W. Oliver, George A. Richard  
 William Prescott Jr. James P. Rice, James O. Rogers  
 William Shaw, James Guther, George W. Fienholm  
 James B. Weeks, John C. Warren. - In Special Police Office  
 Special at Rail Road Depots and other places, Rufus B. Cook,  
 Police Office, Thomas Collier, Samuel Gillaway, John Roberts.

Earl

Ordered, That the board accept

and adopt the grade of Earl Street between High and Pur-  
 chase Streets, as proposed by the City Engineer, and shown  
 on a plan of said grade by said engineer, dated May 26<sup>th</sup> 1851  
 and deposited in the office of the Mayor and Aldermen:  
 it being understood that said street is not to be lowered  
 more than two and a half feet below its present grade.

Suffolk

Ordered, That the board accept

and adopt the grades of the following streets, viz: Suffolk  
Waltham Street, between Dover and Brookline streets: Waltham Street,  
Chelsea Street, between Milford and Northampton streets: Waltham Street,  
Union Park, between Waltham and Suffolk streets: Union Park, formerly  
Weston Street, between Waltham and Suffolk streets: and Chelsea  
Street, between Waltham and Suffolk streets. Said grades being  
 those proposed by the City Engineer, and shown on the plans of  
 the same, by said Engineer dated May 26, 1851, and deposited  
 in the office of the Mayor and Aldermen. Provided however,  
 that no building shall be erected hereafter, upon any of the  
 said portions of said streets which shall not allow the grade  
 of the street on which such building may stand to be



raised to a height of fifteen feet above low tide, without further 241.  
expense to the City than the cost of filling up and repairing May 10, 1851.  
the street.

Whereas it appears to this board: Hunnewell  
that a certain lot of land situated on Harrison Avenue and Harrison  
belonging to H. H. Hunnewell is in a state of nuisance and dan Avenue  
gerous to the health of the inhabitants; it is therefore Ordered,  
that a notice in writing be given to the said Hunnewell that  
he cause the nuisance existing on said land and consisting of  
Stagnant and foul water to be removed within fourteen days  
from this date, by putting on the said land a sufficient quan-  
-tity of good coarse gravel to prevent water from standing on  
the surface and becoming foul.

Ordered, That the Superinten- Oak  
-dent of Streets be authorized to repave Oak Street, from Wash- Street.  
-ington Street to Harrison Avenue, and make such altera-  
-tions in the grade and width of the sidewalks as shall  
be found necessary.

Ordered, That the Superin- Suffolk  
-tendent of Streets be authorized to pave Suffolk Street, from street.  
Dover to Brookline street, on the grade according to a plan  
made by E. S. Chebrough, City Engineer, adopted May 26, 1851.  
and make such alterations in the grade and width of  
the sidewalks as shall be found necessary to carry out the  
above order.

Ordered, That the Superintend- Beacon  
-ent of Streets be authorized to place crossing stones across street.  
Beacon Street as far west as the City has accepted the street.  
and repair the street and sidewalks on the south side,



242. and make all necessary alterations in the grade.

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Gary      Petition of Isaac Gary, and others,  
in aid of the petition of Hobbs & Prescott for a common sewer  
in Washington street near State street. Referred to the Com-  
mittee on Sewers & Drains.

Washington  
street      Ordered, That the Superintendent  
of Streets be authorized to repair Washington street, from State  
to Franklin streets and make such alterations in the  
grade and width of the sidewalks as shall be found necessary.

McLean      Petition of Duncan McLean, and  
others, to have a common sewer laid in Meridian street. Referred  
to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Phillips      Petition of G. W. Phillips, for a sewer  
in Marsh Lane. Referred to the Committee on Sewers & Drains.

Dehon      Petition of William Dehon, and another,  
to have a common sewer laid in Greenough Lane. Referred  
to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Hall      Petition of Samuel Hall, and others,  
to have an iron fence constructed around the park in Mar-  
erick Square. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Kittredge      Petition of Jeremiah Kittredge, to put in  
a cellar door in front of his house, N<sup>o</sup> 2 New Cross street.  
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Joseph L. Ross, and 243.  
others, to have a side walk laid in Fens street. Referred  
to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Holden & Blanchard, Holden  
and others, to have Hanover street paved, from Blackstone to  
Cross street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Adjourned to Thursday evening next, eight o'clock.

At a meeting of the board of  
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City  
Hall on Thursday the Twenty ninth day of May. A.D. 1851.

Present,

The Mayor & all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Grant &  
Kimball.

The joint standing Committee  
on the Treasury Department, to whom the Accounts of the  
City & County Treasurer for the year ending April thirtieth,  
one thousand eight hundred and fifty one, were referred

Treasurer's  
accounts.



244 by the order of the nineteenth instant, have attended to  
May 29. 1851 the duty assigned to them, and beg leave to Report: That  
all charges of payment in said accounts are duly authen-  
-ticated by appropriate vouchers; that all sums due to  
the City, so far as there are means for ascertaining the  
same, have been properly collected and accounted for; and  
that the several items, footings, and balances are correctly  
cast and stated. Your Committee have also examined each  
Note, bond and other security on hand, belonging to the  
City, and find the same to correspond with the statements  
contained in the books. The amount of Bonds and Notes  
on hand on the thirtieth day of April last, was four hundred  
& forty eight thousand, four hundred & twelve dollars, \$448,412.  
00/- One hundred & sixty nine thousand, four hundred & seventy  
one dollars, thirty two cents, being in old bonds, and two hun-  
dred & seventy eight thousand, nine hundred & forty dollars,  
sixty eight cents, in new ones. The payments made on Bonds  
& Notes, during the year, have amounted to forty four thousand,  
six hundred & twenty two dollars, thirty five cents, \$44,672.35/  
The amount of drafts, drawn for various objects during the  
last year, was two million seven hundred & eleven thousand,  
one hundred & ninety six dollars & twenty two cents (\$2,711,  
196.22) of which there were paid, on City account, two million  
six hundred & twenty nine thousand nine hundred & eighty  
dollars & thirty four cents, & on County account, seven thou-  
sand, one hundred & five dollars & twenty one cents: making  
a total of payments of two million six hundred & eighty four  
thousand, twenty five dollars & forty five cents, \$2,684,185.55/  
Twenty five thousand, seven hundred & twenty six dollars



ninety three cent being payments of Augt of the year 1850. 245.  
There has been received for the financial year ending 31st May - 9. 1851  
thirtieth last, in account of the City of Boston, including the  
balance on hand on May 1<sup>st</sup> 1850, the sum of three million,  
six hundred & sixty four thousand, seven hundred & seventy  
two dollars ninety nine cents, \$3,664,772.99; and there has  
been paid, on the same account, the sum of three million,  
four hundred & ninety thousand, fifty nine dollars & forty two  
cents, \$3,490,059.42; leaving a balance on that day of one  
hundred & seventy four thousand, seven hundred & thirteen  
dollars, fifty seven cents, \$174,713.57; There has also been  
received, during the same period, for account of the County  
of Suffolk, the sum of fifty four thousand, five hundred &  
forty six dollars, five cents, \$54,546.05; and there has been  
paid the sum of ninety seven thousand, two hundred & fifty  
two dollars, sixty cents, \$97,252.00; leaving a balance against  
the County on the thirtieth of April last, of forty two thou-  
sand seven hundred & six dollars fifty five cents, \$42,706.  
55; and leaving a final balance in the Treasury, on the  
thirtieth of April last, of the City & County accounts, of one  
hundred & thirty two thousand & seven dollars, & two cents  
(\$132,007.02); the cash on deposit in the Bank of Commerce  
being eighty one thousand, eight hundred & twenty nine dol-  
lars, two cents, - in the office, one hundred & seventy eight  
dollars, - and in City Bonds, sold but not yet called for,  
fifty thousand dollars. Henry B. Rogers, F. H. Frothingham,  
Edward S. Loring, J. G. Hovey, Andrew Abbott - Committee.  
Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came  
up concurred.



Treasurer. A message was received from the Common Council, stating that they agree to form a Convention of the City Council, this evening at a quarter past eight o'clock, for the purpose of electing a City and County Treasurer.

### In Convention.

Treasurer. Agreeably to a signment chosen. The two branches of the City Council met in Convention, in the Hall of the Common Council, for the purpose of electing a City and County Treasurer. Aldermen Munroe and Clark - Messrs. Sumner, Deane, and Cabot were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the ballots. Said committee reported that the whole number of ballots was forty two. Necessary for a choice twenty two. James C. Dunn had thirty four and he was chosen. The business of the Convention being accomplished, the two branches separated.

Adjourned to Wednesday next, four o'clock, P. M.

At a meeting of the board of 247.

Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Wednesday the fourth day of June, Anno Domini, 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Resolved, That the safety Washington

and convenience of the Inhabitants of this City require that  
Washington Street, on the corner of New Street should be  
widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay  
out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of  
land belonging to George W. Messinger and other persons un-  
known - bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at a point on  
the west side of Washington Street, and on the Northeast cor-  
ner of said State new cut of, thence running Southwardly  
along the west side of Washington Street twenty five feet and  
 $\frac{44}{100}$  to New Street; thence Northwardly along the North side  
of New Street forty seven hundredths of a foot; and thence  
Northwardly in a straight line twenty six feet & forty four  
hundredths of a foot to the point of beginning, containing six  
square feet more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been  
given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel  
of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return  
herunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of  
land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and  
laid out as a public street or way of the said City ac-  
cording to a plan of the said premises made by E. J. Ches-  
brough dated June 14<sup>th</sup> 1851. and deposited in the office of  
the said Mayor and Aldermen.



June 4. 1851. Whereas this Board, by a Resolution passed this day has taken a certain parcel of land, therein described, lying on the corner of Washington & Avery Streets and laid out the same as a public street or way of said City, it is therefore Ordered, that due notice be given to George W. Messinger and all other persons interested as owners, proprietors, tenants, occupants, or otherwise, in said land that they cut off, pull down, remove and carry away all buildings, erections and obstructions of every sort standing on and projecting over the line of said Washington Street as established by the resolve aforesaid, or move and set back the same to the said line, and vacate and surrender the land and premises taken as aforesaid on or before the twenty third day of June now next ensuing. And in default thereof, the City Marshal is hereby directed and empowered withwith to enter upon said land and cause all buildings, erections and obstructions standing on and projecting over the line of said Washington Street, as established by the resolve aforesaid, to be cut off, pulled down, removed and carried away, or to be moved and set back to said line, and the said land to be vacated and surrendered under the direction of the Committee on laying out and widening Streets.

Loring.

Eastern  
Rail Road

Petition of Edward G. Loring, and others, respecting the Rail Road crossing made by the Eastern Rail Road, at Bennington Street, East Boston, that the said Rail Road may be bridged over from Saratoga Street to Chelsea Street, or elsewhere, and a travel way furnished over above the level of said Rail Road &c. to the Com<sup>rs</sup> on Streets.

Communication of Brigham 249.

and Spring. Morris of Cyrus Alger, respecting his land, June 4. 1851.  
wharf and flats, taken by the City, for the construction of a Alger  
temporary Rail Road Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Caleb Eddy, & others, Eddy  
to have the lower part of Sudbury street straightened and wid- Sudbury St.  
ened. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Communication from Henry Williams, Williams,  
respecting the establishment of a New Market at the Market.  
south part of the City, corner of Washington and East Green  
streets. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Ordered, That the Cochituate Fountains.  
Water board be requested to cause the fountains on Franklin  
and Blackstone Squares to be played four hours each fair  
day. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Ordered, That the act of the Stables &  
Legislature of this Commonwealth entitled "An Act relating to the erection and use of buildings for stables and bowling  
alleys" passed May 24. 1851. be and the same hereby is adopted  
by the City Council. Sent down for concurrence.

Upon the petition of J. Willey, to Willey.  
have a nuisance abated in Everett street the Committee Winslow  
on Internal health report the accompanying Order of notice. Chambers St.  
for the Committee, Henry B. Rogers, Chairman. Thereon it appears



250. In this Board that a certain vault situated on the rear of N<sup>o</sup> 41 5<sup>th</sup> Chamber Street, and belonging to Isaac Winslow is built at a distance less than two feet from the adjoining estate, is imperfectly constructed and not made tight, so that the contents thereof escape therefrom into the adjoining lots, and in consequence of the same, the said vault is in a state of nuisance and dangerous to the health of the inhabitants; it is therefore ordered that a notice in writing be given to the said Winslow that he cause the nuisance existing on said estate and consisting of the contents of said vault to be removed within twenty days from this date, by constructing a new and tight vault for his estate, so that the inside of the same shall be at least two feet distant from the line of every adjoining lot & also from every street, lane, alley, court, square, or public place, or public or private passage way. Read accepted and the order passed.

Kittudge

The Committee on Faring to whom was referred the petition of Jeremiah Kittudge for leave to put in a cellar door in front of his house N<sup>o</sup> 2 Court Street, report, that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, provided he conforms to the ordinances of the City and that the cellar door shall not project over three feet from the building. In the Committee Billings Briggs, Chairman. Read and accepted.

Henry

Street

Ordered, That Henry Street, at East Boston, running from Maverick Square to Paris Street, be and the same hereby is accepted with its present metes & bounds as a public street a way of said City; and that the same be graded and paved, under the direction of the Committee on



Having, provided they are satisfied that no claim for damage will arise in consequence thereof. 251 June 4, 1851.

Ordered, That the location of the Midland Rail Road Company, filed in the office of this Board on the twenty third day of April last is satisfactory to the same, so far as this Board has any jurisdiction in the matter by virtue of the Act of Eighteen hundred and fifty, chapter two hundred and sixty eight, section second. Midland Rail Road

On the petition of Stephen Smith, Smith and others; - Ordered That the Superintendent of Streets be and he hereby is instructed forthwith to grade and put in order the following named twenty foot streets lying between Suffolk and Tremont streets to wit: Newland street, so called, from South twenty foot street to Concord street; Tabin street, so called, from South Newland street to a twenty foot street running from Dedham street to Brookline street; Trumbull Street, so called, running from South Newland street to South twenty foot street; and South twenty foot street, so called, lying easterly of and adjacent to Tremont street. Trumbull & South twenty foot street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair Warren street from Washington to Tremont streets and make such alterations in the grade and width of the sidewalk as shall be found necessary. Warren street.

Ordered, That due notice be given that this Board will, on Monday next, at four o'clock P.M. take into consideration the expediency of constructing a common sewer in Washington street near Gore street, and Blanchard.



252. apportion the expense thereof on all persons who may enter their  
June 4, 1851. particular Drains into such common sewer, or who by any  
more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: Any  
person making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

Havre  
street.

Ordered, That due notice be  
given that this Board will, on Monday, the ninth of June  
at four o'clock, P.M., take into consideration the expediency  
of constructing a common sewer in Havre Street, and of  
apportioning the expense thereof on all persons who may enter  
their particular drains into such common sewer, or who by  
any more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby:  
Any person making objections thereto, will then and there be  
heard.

Tuckerman  
Temple  
street.

Ordered, that the resolve passed  
by this Board on the eighteenth day of November last, and  
recorded in the book of Record for the year eighteen hundred  
and fifty, page four hundred and eighty one, which resolve  
relates to the taking of a piece of land on Temple Street, be  
amended by striking out the words "Harleton and Lord" on  
the thirtieth and fourteenth lines of said page and inserting  
instead thereof the words "William S. Tuckerman", from whom  
one hundred & twenty four square feet of land were taken  
by said resolve, the said words "Harleton & Lord" being a clerical  
error.

Ivers  
Street

Ordered, That the City Mar-  
shall be directed to notify the owners and abutters on Ivers  
Street, (on the Westerly side) to cause their Sidewalks to be  
paved with buck or flat stone and to be made not less than

five feet in width, within twenty days, according to law — 253.

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The Committee on Ordinances. Senior

Justice of the Peace, to whom was referred by the order of the City Council of May 1<sup>st</sup> the subject of "what sum shall be paid to the Senior Police Court Justice of the Peace for extra services imposed upon him by the ordinance of October 21<sup>st</sup> 1850. entitled "an Ordinance concerning truant children and absentees from school", report that when this ordinance was passed and the duties were directed to be performed by the Senior Justice by appointment of the Police Court, it was understood that he should be paid by the City, a fair and reasonable compensation for the service. The Statutes of the Commonwealth have guarded with a jealous care, the administration of the law placed last year upon this delicate but most important subject. A law of the character of the one in question, must almost entirely depend for its success and efficacy upon the agents selected for its administration. They should be persons of character, experience and standing, whose whole moral energies should be enlisted in their work; men who are publicly known for their devotion to the cause of education and benevolence. In the hands of proper commissioners, the law of the State, and the ordinance of the City, can be made the instruments of great good. It needs but a slight acquaintance with the business of our criminal courts to perceive, that there is a vast amount of crime committed by the idle and dissolute boys and girls who infest our streets, and crowd the institutions provided by the State and local authorities for their reformation. This evil is apparent to all who will institute inquiries respecting it. It is upon the in-



254. -crease, and the interests of society, no less than the demands  
June 4, 1851. of duty, and the voice of public sentiment, unite in urging  
toward all practicable means of preventing this prolific source  
of evil to the juvenile members of the community. With this  
view of the case, your Committee, taking into consideration the  
duties imposed upon the judicial officer, in the discharge of  
the ordinance, and the fact that all the duties are extra from  
his regular functions as a Judge of the Police Court, that he  
has to make the record of his proceedings, and will be oblig-  
ed to attend to the complaints made to him, at times when  
he is not on duty at either the Police or Justice Court, and  
that the law should have a fair trial, recommend the pass-  
-age of the annexed order. The Committee would state, that  
there are a number of cases ready for trial under the ordi-  
-nance, and also that a change is contemplated by the  
board of Mayor and Aldermen in the agents selected by  
the second section of the Statute whereby the entire time of  
two or three individuals will be devoted to the proper execu-  
-tion of this important law. The Committee are of the opin-  
-ion that for a small annual expenditure, by the aid of  
judicious agent or commissioners, large numbers of the truant  
children in our city may be induced to attend the public  
schools; while the most hardened and abandoned of this  
class by the provisions of the law may be placed in proper  
institutions where they will not be allowed to grow up in  
vice and ignorance. To the Committee, Daniel S. Haskell.  
Ordered, that there be paid to the Senior Justice of the Police  
Court, at the rate of five hundred dollars per annum, com-  
-mencing on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May, inst. and payable pro rata while

the ordinance concerning "Truant children and absentees 255.  
from School," continues in force. Passed in Common Council. June 14, 1851  
Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The Committee to whom was Tyler  
referred the petition of John S. Tyler, and others, for leave to  
use a Hydrant in Water Street for watering said street,  
and that the drivers of carts employed by the Boston Water  
Works Company, may conform to existing ordinance, reported.  
That the same be referred to the Committee Water Board. Read,  
accepted and referred accordingly. Sent down for concu-  
-rence. Came up nonconcurred.

Petition of P. N. Greenleaf, for Greenleaf  
the use of Primary School Room on Worcester Street or the ward  
room of Ward No. 11, for public worship for two or three Sundays.  
Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for  
concurrence. Came up concurred.

Ordered, That the joint standing Primary  
committee on Public Buildings be authorized to sell the Primary School house.  
School house estate in Mason Street Court, for a sum not less  
than two thousand dollars. Sent down for concurrence. Came  
up concurred.

The Overseers of the House of House of  
Correction exhibited their account of money received at their Correction  
office, during the financial year ending April 30, 1851. Read  
and sent down.

Petition of C. W. Cartwright, and Cartwright  
others, in behalf of several Fire Insurance Companies, for the  
city to erect electric telegraph or fire alarms. Referred to the



256. Committee on Public Buildings: sent down for concurrence. Same  
June 4. 1851. up concurred.

Evans. Petition of William L. Evans, to  
have the grade of Gates and Telegraph streets given him,  
where he is about building. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Rosen. Petition of M. Crofson, to be paid  
for the damage she sustained in running against a post  
with horse and carriage, corner of Tremont and Newton  
streets. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Brocker. Petition of Uriel Crocker, & others,  
to have Washington Street paved, between Cornhill & Court  
streets. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Reed. Petition of William B. Reed, & others,  
that May street be repaired and sidewalk relaid. Refer-  
red to the Committee on Paving.

Davis. Petition of George A. Davis, and  
others, to have Tremont street, between Pleasant & Court  
streets, watered. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Schools- The Superintendent of Public  
Ventilation Buildings reported the expenses of warming and ventilat-  
ing School houses. Read, laid on the table and ordered to be  
printed.

Firemen Ordered, That the subject of the salaries  
Salaries of the Firemen, be referred to the Committee on Salaries. Rep-  
ed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred.

Declining to be a candidate for reelection as one of the June 4, 1851  
Directors of the House of Industry and Reformation. Came up Willett  
from the Common Council. Read and filed.

Ordered, That the Committee Lunatic  
on Ordinances, report an ordinance authorizing the choice Hospital  
of a Superintendent of the Boston Lunatic Hospital by the  
board of Visitors of the same. Passed in Common Council.  
Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Ordered, That the Committee Marble  
on Ordinances, report an ordinance regulating the survey  
and admeasurement of Marble, in conformity with an act  
passed at the recent session of the Legislature. Passed in  
Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred.

Ordered, That the Committee Primary  
on Public Buildings be authorized to use such portion of the School house  
land now occupied as a yard for the Franklin School house, District #15  
as may be necessary to build a Primary School house for  
District #15. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concu-  
-rence. Read and concurred.

Ordered, That the joint stand- Pauper  
-ing Committee on the Institutions at South Boston and New  
Bedford, be instructed to confer with the Directors of the House  
of Industry and Overseers of the Poor, upon the expediency of  
having the power which is granted to the Overseers of the Poor in  
Sec 17 of the Statute in relation to Paupers, carried into



258. *offcl.* Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence.  
June 4, 1851. Read and concurred.

May. Petition of William B. May, and others,  
to have a sewer laid in Hamburg Street. Referred to the Com-  
mittee on Sewers & Drains.

Child. The Committee on laying out and  
Sope. widening Streets, on the petition of Stephen Child, and others,  
New Street. for a street to be laid out forty feet wide from Washington  
Street, nearly opposite Florence Street, to Tremont Street; and  
also on the petition of William Sope and others in relation to  
the same subject; reported: that no further action is necessary  
or required, the Mayor and Aldermen having passed an order  
in relation to the same. Read and accepted.

Cowdin. Petition of John Cowdin, to have a  
sewer laid in Charlestown Street, between Stillman and  
Brook Streets. Referred to the Committee on Sewers & Drains.

Stevens. Petition of John Stevens, to have  
two gas lamps and fixtures removed from Garland Street.  
Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

Holton. Petition of James S. Holton, to have  
a hearing respecting his appointment as one of the Night  
Police. Referred to the Mayor.

Central  
Square. Ordered, That this board will  
accept Central Square, whenever the same shall be graded  
and enclosed by a suitable fence to the satisfaction of the  
Committee on laying out and widening Streets.

The Committee on Licenses, 259.

to whom was referred the petition of Raymond H<sup>c</sup> for a license. June 14. 1851.  
to exhibit wild beasts, reported, that a license be granted Raymond H<sup>c</sup>  
on the condition that it be done under the direction and  
control of the City Marshal. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Licenses, Ballard.

to whom was referred the petition of Frank W. Ballard, for  
a license to exhibit a Panorama of Pilgrims Progress at  
Masonic Temple, reported that a license be granted. Read  
and accepted.

Ordered, That the Superintendent Cornhill

of Streets, be authorized to pave Cornhill Court around  
City's buildings and make such alterations in the grade  
and width of the side walk as shall be found necessary.  
Also to remove all posts and other obstructions now on the  
side walk.

The Committee to whom was re- Sears.

ferred the petition of David Sears, to have a good and suf-  
ficient drain constructed so as to carry off the back water  
from the cellars of his stores on Washington Street, the Liberty  
Tree Block; and asking damages in consequence of said flow-  
ing, reported, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw his  
petition. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Streets, to whom Proctor

was referred the notice of intention to build, of John Proctor  
on Fourth Street near G. Street, and that the same be graded,  
reported, that as to the grading of the same it be referred to  
the Com<sup>ee</sup> on Paving. Read, accepted and referred accordingly.



The Committee on Streets, to whom

June 2, 1851. was referred the petition of Edward Brooks, and others, for the extension of Minkin Street, from Purchase to Broad Street, reported, that no further action is required, the extension having already been carried into effect. Read and accepted.

July  
Speciale

The Fifty Associates having asked for the grade of Cornhill Street the Committee on Paving reported that no action is necessary thereon. Read and accepted.

Hilder.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Marshall F. Hilder, and others, granters named in the act of incorporation of the Mount Pleasant Branch Rail Road, that further time be allowed for the location and construction of said Rail Road, reported, that no action is required, Read and accepted.

Merriam

The Committee to whom was referred the notice of Silas P. Merriam, reported, that as to the grade and coal holes, the same be referred to the Committee on Paving. Read and referred accordingly.

Lewis

East Boston Ferry. The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel I. Lewis, and others, to the Legislature, for leave to purchase the East Boston Ferry, and carry on the same, reported, that no action is necessary on the same. Read and accepted.

Glidden

Police

Daniel L. Glidden was re-appointed a Special Police Officer at Copp's hill Cemetery.

The Committee to whom was re-261.

received the petition of George Williams and others, for the use of June 7 1851.  
Council Hall, for meetings & reported, that the petitioners have  
leave to withdraw their petition. Read and laid upon the Table.

An Ordinance establishing a Fire

Department, and providing for preventing and extinguish- Department.  
ing fires. Passed in Common Council as amended. Came up for  
Concurrence. Read and concurred.

The following petitioners had Davis

leave to withdraw their petitions- vizt J. Davis and others, that Lakin-  
Dean & Adams, have a license to stand with a Hack in Belmont - Adams.  
Now for the accommodation of said petitioners and others - of Bryant.  
Sylvester Lakin, to have an apsement for a sewer postponed,  
until he shall enter the common sewer in Broad Street - of  
David Bryant, and others, to have crossing stones laid in  
Lincoln and Utica streets, from Kneeland street.

Whereas in the opinion of

the Board the safety and convenience of the inhabitants  
require that the Western side of Congress Street should be wid-  
ened next north of the building of Mr. John Simmons it is here-  
by hereby Ordered That due notice be given to Mr. Luther  
Samuel H. Babcock, Joseph Lusk and the heirs of John Lusk  
deceased, that this Board intend to widen the Street before  
mentioned, by taking a part of the land now used to be  
built upon as aforesaid and laying out the same as a pub-  
lic Street, and that Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June inst. at which time  
is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Congress  
Street.



Whereas the safety & convenience

of the inhabitants in the Union of this Ward, require that  
 First street should be completed from A. to E. streets, it is  
 therefore Ordered that said First street be completed between  
 the following points, viz: Beginning on the southerly side of said  
 First street, as heretofore completed, at its intersection with  
 the easterly line of E. street; thence running westerly on a line  
 parallel with Second street and two hundred & twenty feet  
 distant therefrom, seventeen hundred feet more or less, to the  
 westerly line of E. street; thence turning at right angle and  
 running Northerly, on the Northerly line of said E. street con-  
 tinued, fifty feet, more or less, to a point two hundred feet  
 distant from the Northerly line of said Second street; thence  
 turning and running Westerly again, on a line parallel  
 with the said Second street, six hundred & thirty five  
 feet, more or less, to the Westerly line of A. street; thence turn-  
 ing or running Northerly, on the Westerly line of said A.  
 street, produced fifty feet, more or less, to a point  
 fifty feet distant from the intersection of First street as  
 heretofore completed with said A. street; thence turning and  
 running Easterly on a line fifty feet distant from the  
 southerly line of said First street, as before described, six  
 hundred and ninety feet, more or less, to the Easterly line  
 of said B. street produced; thence turning and running  
 Southerly, on the Easterly line of said B. street produced,  
 seventy five feet, more or less, to a point fifty feet distant  
 from the southerly line of First street, as before described;  
 thence turning and running Easterly, on a line parallel  
 with the southerly line of First street, as above described,

and fifty feet distant therefrom, fifteen hundred and fifty 263  
feet more or less, to the easterly line of said street, as aforesaid, pro- June 4. 1851.  
duced. thence turning at right angles and running south-  
westerly on the easterly line of said street produced, fifty  
feet, to the point begun at. - also, Ordered, that the Superin-  
-tendent of Streets be and the same is hereby instructed forth-  
-with to carry into execution the above order, under the direc-  
-tions of the Committee on laying out and widening Streets.

Whereas this Board, by an or- Shattuck  
-der passed this day has directed First Street to be completed First street.  
from A. to E. street, as therein is particularly described, as a  
public street or way of said City, it is therefore Ordered, That  
due notice be given to George E. Shattuck and all other  
persons interested as owners, proprietors, tenants, occupants, or  
otherwise, in said land that they cut off, pull down, remove  
and carry away all buildings, erections and obstructions  
of every sort standing on and projecting over the lines of  
said First Street, as directed to be completed by the order  
aforesaid, or, move and set back the same to the said lines,  
and vacate and surrender the land and premises con-  
-tained within said lines on or before the twenty fourth day  
of June, instant. And in default thereof, the City Marshal  
is hereby directed and empowered forthwith to enter upon  
said land and cause all buildings, erections and obstruc-  
-tions standing on and projecting over the line of said First  
street, as directed to be completed by the order aforesaid, to  
be cut off, pulled down, removed and carried away, or to  
be moved and set back to said lines, and the said land



264. to be vacated and surrendered under the direction of the  
June 4. 1851. Committee on laying out and widening Streets.

Downer & Austin. Whereas this Board, by an order  
passed this day has directed First Street to be completed  
from State Street as therein is particularly described, as a  
Public Street a way of said City, it is therefore ordered, that  
due notice be given to Samuel Downer, Jr. and Wm. E. Austin  
hereinafter doing business under the firm & style of Downer &  
Austin and all other persons interested as owners, proprietors,  
tenants, occupants, or otherwise, in said land that they cut  
off, pull down, remove and carry away all buildings,  
erections and obstructions of every sort standing on and  
projecting over the lines of said First Street, as directed  
to be completed by the order aforesaid, or, move and set back  
the same to the said lines and vacate and surrender  
the land and premises contained within said lines on or  
before the twenty fourth day of June, instant. And in default  
thereof, the City Marshal is hereby directed and empow-  
ered forthwith to enter upon said land and cause all build-  
ings, erections and obstructions standing on and projecting  
over the line of said First Street, as directed to be completed  
by the order aforesaid, to be cut off, pulled down, removed &  
carried away, or to be moved and set back to said lines,  
and the said land to be vacated and surrendered under  
the direction of the Committee on laying out and widening  
Streets.

Henshaw. Whereas this Board, by an or-  
der passed this day has ordered First Street to be completed

from A. to E. Street, as therein particularly described, as a pub- 265  
lic street or way of said City, it is therefore Ordered, That due notice be given to David Henshaw, Charles and John Henshaw,  
and Joseph & William Haul, and all other persons interested  
as owners, proprietors, tenants, occupants, or otherwise, in said  
land that they cut off, pull down, remove and carry away  
all buildings, erections and obstructions of every sort standing  
on and projecting over the lines of said First Street, as order-  
ed to be completed by the order aforesaid, or move and set back  
the same to the said lines, and vacate and surrender the  
land and premises contained within said lines as aforesaid,  
on or before the twenty fourth day of June instant; and in de-  
fault thereof, the City Marshal is hereby directed and empow-  
ered forthwith to enter upon said land and cause all build-  
ings, erections and obstructions standing on and projecting  
over the lines of said First Street, as ordered to be completed  
by the order aforesaid, to be cut off, pulled down, removed  
and carried away, or to be moved and set back to said  
lines, and the said land to be vacated and surrendered  
under the direction of the Committee on laying out and wid-  
ening Street.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P. M.



At a Special Meeting of the  
 Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at  
 City Hall on Monday the Tenth day of June Anno Domini 1851.  
 Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Chilson. The Joint Standing Committee on Public Lands submit a proposition from Gardner Chilson offering to purchase the tract of land owned by the City lying between Tremont, Northam, Suffolk, and Chatham Streets on certain conditions described in the accompanying instrument. The Committee have duly considered the subject, having had the proposition before them for some time the terms and conditions having been finally consummated on the 6<sup>th</sup> inst. They now unanimously recommend that the City Council should confirm the sale by passing the order herewith submitted, said sale being in their belief one of great importance to the future interests of the City in enhancing the value of the neck lands and in building up a neighbourhood of a class of citizens which is extremely desirable to retain within the limits of the City and from the description of houses which are to be erected within a short period under heavy penalties to accrue to the City should the work not be completed, there can be no doubt of the advantages to be gained in the general result of the proposition. In the Committee John A. Douglass Chairman. We are men by these presents that I Gardner Chilson of Boston in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts am Holden and stand firmly bound and obliged to the City of Boston in the full and just sum of twenty five thousand dollars to be paid to the said City of Boston its successors or assigns.



to which payment well and truly to be made. I bind my- 267  
self my heirs, executors and administrators firmly by these presents. Sealed with my seal and dated this sixth day of June, 1851  
in the year eighteen hundred and fifty one. The Condition  
of this obligation is such that whereas the said Wilson  
has made the following proposition to the Joint Standing  
Committee on Public Lands, viz: 1. The City authorities to lay  
out Union Park in the following manner that is to say, to  
make enclosure of the same twenty five feet in its widest  
part and to extend it to within fifty feet of Tremont Street,  
make the street leading from the same to Tremont Street  
eighty feet wide and to finish said Park in a manner  
and style equal to Chester Square on or before the first day  
of October in the year eighteen hundred and fifty two. The  
Mayor and Aldermen to pass a vote to pave Tremont Street  
from Dover Street to Chelsea Street and Haltham Street and  
Chelsea Street from Suffolk Street to Tremont Street within three  
years from the first day of September in the year eighteen  
hundred and fifty one Suffolk Street from Dover Street to  
Brookline Street within the present year, and the city to re-  
strict all future purchases of land owned by the said city  
on the Southwest side of Chelsea Street between Tremont Street  
and Suffolk Street, and on the Northwest side of Tremont  
Street between Haltham Street and Southam Street from build-  
ing houses on such land of any other materials than brick,  
Stone or iron or to be used for any other purpose than as dwell-  
ing houses, or of a less height than three stories. 2. The lots on  
said Park to be laid out not less than twenty five feet wide  
and to extend through from the Park to Haltham Street on



268. one side and to Chelsea street on the other. All lots in the  
neighbourhood to be subject to any restrictions now existing. 3. The  
said Wilson to purchase all the land not already sold by the  
city and not included in said streets or in said Park be-  
tween Suffolk Waltham Tremont and Chelsea streets, at  
fifty cents per foot and to erect on each and every lot a  
dwelling house and to be used for no other purpose not less  
than three stories in height of brick stone or iron within three  
years from September the first eighteen hundred and fifty one,  
each house to be not up than twenty five feet in width and not  
up than forty eight feet in depth and to have an ell of the  
same materials and not less than twenty four feet by fifteen  
feet, and to place the same house not nearer the street than  
eighteen feet, and to erect or suffer to be erected no other  
building on any lot and to make a suitable iron fence on  
the front and rear of each lot. And whereas the land be-  
fore mentioned has been laid out in a different man-  
ner and a plan of the same has been made and the  
same is advertised to be sold on the eleventh day of the  
present month of June, and whereas the offer of the said  
Wilson has this day been made and there is not sufficient  
time to make a new plan and to pass the necessary votes  
and to take necessary measures in relation thereto before  
the time fixed for the said sale, and whereas the said Wil-  
son desires that the said sale may be stopped and a bar-  
gain completed as hereinbefore mentioned. Now if the said  
Wilson, within thirty days after the passage of the vote before  
mentioned by the Mayor and Aldermen and the making  
of a new plan as hereinbefore mentioned and the tender



to the said Chilson or his heirs or assigns if an agreement <sup>2.69.</sup>  
a agreements to convey the said land exclusive of the Mills June 9, 1851.  
and Park as aforesaid upon the terms and conditions here-  
inbefore mentioned and upon the payment for the same as  
hereinafter mentioned, which agreement a agreements is to con-  
tain a stipulation that whenever the dwelling houses of the  
description before mentioned shall have been erected as  
aforesaid, the said City will on application of said Chilson  
his heirs or assigns give a deed of such lots as he or they  
may desire and take a mortgage back to secure a bond or  
bonds for the payment within ten years of all the purchase  
money then due with interest and taxes said mortgage to be  
upon such number of lots as shall be reasonable security  
for the same in the estimation of three disinterested parties  
to be chosen by the parties) shall well and truly comply  
with his proposition hereinbefore mentioned and shall ten-  
der to the City a bond or bonds for the purchase money of  
said lots at fifty cents per foot within ten years from the first  
day of September in the year eighteen hundred and fifty four  
with interest annually and taxes from that time and also con-  
ditioned to forfeit absolutely to said City all improvements on  
said land and in addition thereto twenty per cent of the  
purchase money as aforesaid if one half at least of the houses  
hereinbefore provided for are not erected and completed before  
the first day of September in the year eighteen hundred and  
fifty three and the balance before the first day of Sep-  
tember in the year eighteen hundred and fifty four then  
and in such case this bond shall be null and void other-  
wise be & remain in full force & virtue. Gardner Chilson and



270 Seal. In presence of Cyrus Gould Sir word being read & answered. Motion word being interlined. City of Boston Whereas Gardiner Childen has made to the Committee on Public Lands a proposition to purchase the unsold lands between Suffolk, Waltham, Tremont and Chelsea Streets upon certain terms and conditions, which have been submitted to & examined by the City Council. Ordered, that the said Committee be authorized to accept the said proposition, with such modifications & upon such terms as they may deem expedient, and that the Mayor be authorized to execute Seal and deliver on behalf of the City any and all papers that may be necessary to carry this measure into effect. The foregoing proposition was accepted and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Adjourned to four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the Ninth day of June Anno Domini, 1851.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

The Fire Department. moved to reconsider the vote whereby the ordinance establishing the Fire Department and providing for, preventing and extinguishing fires passed. On this question the yeas & nays being required, were taken as follows, viz: Yeas, Aldermen Kimball, Munroe, Grant, and the Mayor. 4. Nays,

Eldermen, Smith, Clark, Holbrook, Briggs and Rogers. 5. - 271.

So said motion did not prevail.

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Hole and Pomeroy were li- Auctioneers.  
-censed as Auctioneers and their bond approved.

Petition of Hobbs & Prescott, to Hobbs &  
have places assigned them for keeping stables. Read & laid Prescott.  
upon the Table.

The Committee who were City  
appointed to consider the expediency of repealing "An ordi- Officers  
-nance concerning city officers making bargains and sales  
with the city, passed Dec. 23. 1850. made a report - the minority  
also made a report. Read and laid upon the table.

Petition of F. W. B. Emery, for Emery  
leave to construct coal holes under the sidewalk for five  
houses in Newton street. Referred to the Committee on Pav-  
-ing.

Petition of Charles E. Wiggins, Wiggins  
and others, to have Marshall and Union streets widened Union &  
at the junction of said streets. Referred to the Committee Marshall &  
on Streets.

Petition of William N. Pratt, Pratt  
and others, to have Myrtle street extended through to Lone Myrtle St.  
street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Ordered, That the Morning Watch Watch.  
remain on duty, hereafter, or until otherwise directed, till  
sunrise.



June 9. 1851. for leave to carry their Engine to Brooklyn, N.Y. together with Engine No. 10. the apparatus belonging to the same. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Cole, Clarke,

Cruft, Pratt,

Sarkis

Armington

The several petitions of

William Cole, Martinus J. Clarke, Samuel B. Cruft, Joseph

Pratt Luther Sarkis, and A. C. Armington - praying compensa-

-tion for damage sustained by reason of raising the grade of Suffolk street. Referred to the Committee on Faring.

Veazy

Petition of Jerome B. Veazy, in

relation to a nuisance in Fair Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal health.

Penniman.

Petition of A. D. Penniman, and

others, that a nuisance caused by the leaking of two vaults in Auburn Court may be abated. Referred to the Committee on Internal health.

Benton H<sup>o</sup>

Petition of Benton H<sup>o</sup> for a license

to take passengers from vessels, going South and West free of cost. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Ann street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent

of Common Sewers, be and he is hereby authorized to remove the hollow plug from the common sewer in Ann street, near Centre street.

Quincy

Market

Ordered, That the Committee on Pub-

lic Buildings be authorized to replank and otherwise repair the cellars under the Quincy Market, and the expense be charged to the appropriation for Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Same up concurred.

Petition of Warren A. Hersey, that 273.

a certain suit against him be discontinued. Referred in Com. June 9 1851.  
Common Council to Messrs Thompson, Jewell, and Frague, with such Hersey.  
as the Mayor and Aldermen might join, to consider & report.  
Came up for concurrence Read and concurred, and Aldermen  
Briggs and Smith were joined.

Ordered, That the members of Fire  
the Fire Department shall be allowed suitable refreshments Department  
at fires, at the expense of the City, whenever in the opinion of  
the Engineers the same shall be necessary. Read and laid  
upon the table.

It appearing to this board that Blanchard.  
due notice has been served on all persons interested in the  
petition of William E. Blanchard, and others, for a common Sew-  
er in Washington Street to connect with that in Green Street -  
and no person appearing to object, thereupon ordered, that the  
same be recommitted to the same Committee.

The board proceeded by ballot to City  
the choice of City Solicitor, and the votes being taken, it appeared Solicitor.  
that Peleg W. Chandler was chosen in concurrence with the  
Common Council.

Francis Tukey was nominated & City  
appointed City Marshal, for one year from the date hereof. Marshal  
The oath of office was administered to him by the Mayor

Ezekiah Earl was nominated Dep. Deputy  
City Marshal for one year from the date hereof by the City City  
Marshal, and he was approved and appointed accordingly. Marshal



277 The oath of office was administered to him by the Mayor.

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Tukey.

Francis Tukey, was nominated Constable, and appointed a Constable for one year from and after this day, and until another be appointed in his place.

Winthrop

Light Guards

The petition of the Winthrop Light Guard, Company, &c. respecting their armory. Referred to the joint Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Osborn

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of John Osborn, and others, to have a side walk laid on the westerly side of 3<sup>d</sup> street, from Broadway to Third street, reported, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. Read and accepted.

Howe

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Ann Howe to have a drain made in North Bennett street, reported, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition. Read and accepted.

Hyer.

The Committee on laying out & widening streets, to whom was referred the communication of the Attorney of Genl. Hyer, respecting his land wharf & flats taken by the City, for the construction of a temporary cut. Read, reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Read, accepted and referred accordingly. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

The Committee on Paving, to 275

whom was referred the notice of intention to build of John June 9, 1851.  
Hoctor, on South Street, near G Street, and asking that the  
grade of said Street be given him, reported, that the City  
Engineer furnish the said John Hoctor with the grade of  
the street as prayed for. Read and accepted.

The Committee to whom was Phillips

referred the petition of Geo. Wm. Phillips, for a repair of a drain  
in Marsh Lane, reported, that the same be granted; provided  
he will guarantee three fourths the expense of said repairs.  
Read accepted.

The Committee to whom was re- Gushing

ferred the petition of A. H. Gushing, and others, to be exempted  
from paying for a common sewer on Fenaloga Street, reported  
that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition. Read  
and accepted.

Ordered, That a joint special Boston

committee, to consist of five on the part of this Board, be appointed to consider, and report in detail to the City Council, if any  
of the islands, headlands or beaches in the outer harbor are rap-  
idly washing into the channels; if the safety and preservation  
of said channels demand that any of these islands, headlands  
or beaches should be immediately protected (as suggested by  
the Commissioners appointed under the Revolves of the Legis-  
lature, approved May 3<sup>d</sup> 1850. either by a sea wall, by a de-  
posit of ballast stones, or in any other method, if the interest  
of the harbor require that any of the islands, now private  
property, should be purchased. and if in their opinion it is



276 expedient that a memorial in the name of the city should  
June 9 1851 be prepared and forwarded to the ensuing Congress or State  
Legislature, in regard to the same, and to add further any  
information which they deem the public interest require should  
be made known. Passed in Common Council, and Messrs. Gard-  
ner, Sumner, R. Lincoln Dexter and E. Lincoln were appointed on  
the committee on its part. Came up for concurrence. Read and  
concurred, and Aldermen Briggs, Holbrook and Smith were  
joined.

E. Street.

Whereas, pursuant to an  
Order of this Board giving full power in the premises, a com-  
-mon Sewer has been constructed in E. Street, from 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Street,  
the cost of which was two hundred and forty eight dollars and  
forty cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be  
paid by the said City, there remains One hundred & eighty  
six dollars <sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub> to be charged to persons benefitted by the  
same according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the per-  
-sons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being bene-  
fitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and  
assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names,  
as their proportional part of the expense of the said sewer,  
and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof  
given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Order

The Committee on Sewers and

Water Street.

Trains to whom was referred the petition of David Morgan,  
and others for an alteration of the apportionment for a common  
sewer in Water Street, adopted the following order. Billings, Briggs,  
Chairman Ordered. That the sum of forty four dollars and

three cents be deducted from the apportionment laid upon the 277  
estate of David Morgan, for his proportional part of the cost June 4 1851.  
of constructing a common sewer in Porter and Roman Street,  
and that the sum of twenty six dollars and forty one cents  
be deducted from the apportionment laid upon the estate of Edwin  
Rice, for his proportional part of the cost of constructing said  
common sewer.

The Committee to whom Davis  
was referred the petition of George A. Davis, to have Tremont  
Street between Pleasant and Fair Street, widened, reported  
that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition. Read  
and accepted.

The Committee to whom was Bacon  
referred the petition of John Bacon, and others, to have Harvard  
place repaired, reported, that no further action is necessary on  
said petition, said place being private way. Read & accepted.

Ordered, That the Superinten- Simmons.  
-dent of Streets be authorized to repair the sidewalk in front of  
of the estate of David S. Simmons, on Washington Street  
near Waltham Street. Washington  
Street.

Ordered, That the Superinten Richard  
-dent of Streets be authorized to repair the sidewalk in front  
of the estate of Isaac Richard's heirs on Washington Street,  
near Waltham Street.

The Committee on Faring, to Holden &  
whom was referred the petition of Holden and Blanchard. Blanchard  
and others, asking that Hancock Street be paved from South  
Stone to Cross Streets, report, that the prayer of the petitioners



272 be granted. For the Committee. Billings Briggs, Chairman.  
June 9, 1851. Read and accepted.

Hanover

street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent

of Streets be authorized to repair Hanover street from Union street to Cross street and make such alteration in the grade and width of the sidewalk as shall be found necessary.

Dunham

Truth street.

The Committee on Paving, to whom was referred the petition of Sarah Dunham, and others, asking that the grade of Truth street may be changed, report, inasmuch as the grades of the street in Ward 12. have been established with great care, your Committee are of opinion that they ought not to be changed, therefore they would recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition. For the Committee, Billings Briggs, Chairman. Read and accepted.

Meriam

The Committee on Paving, to whom was referred the petition of Silas P. Meriam, asking for leave to construct coal holes under the sidewalk to his estate in Temple street, report, that the petitioner have leave to construct coal holes on the usual conditions, vizt: that they be properly built and covered over with good and strong stone, subject to removal at the pleasure of the City. For the Committee, Billings Briggs, Chairman. Read and accepted.

High and

Frank street.

Resolved, That the safety and

convenience of the inhabitants of this City require that

Leahy

High and Frank streets should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street

a way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to John 279.  
J. Lawley, bounded as follows, Beginning at the southeasterly June 9 1851  
corner of said premises, at a point three feet and five  
hundredths of a foot from the easterly side of Pearl Street,  
measuring along the boundary line between J. H. & T. Jones  
and land formerly of H. G. Field; thence northwardly on a  
straight line towards the southeasterly corner of the Quincy  
Block, about one hundred and five feet and sixty hun-  
dredths of a foot; to the southeasterly side of High Street;  
thence southwardly along the southeasterly side of High  
Street to Pearl Street a distance of about 49 feet and thirty  
six hundredths of a foot; thence along the easterly side of  
Pearl Street, a distance of one hundred and thirteen feet and  
twenty five hundredths of a foot; to the point of beginning:-  
containing five hundred and seventy seven Square feet  
and thirty nine hundredths of a square foot, more or less.  
Also another strip, beginning at the northeasterly corner  
of the above described lot, thence northwardly along  
the southeasterly side of High Street, about one hundred &  
five feet and eighty hundredths of a foot to Hartford Place:  
thence southwardly, along the westerly side of Hartford  
Place, four feet and three hundredths of a foot; thence south-  
wardly, on a straight line, about one hundred and  
four feet and sixty four hundredths of a foot to the point of  
beginning:- containing two hundred and two Square feet,  
and sixty one hundredths of a square foot more or less, and  
whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this  
Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid,  
as appears by the return hereunto annexed, It is



280. therefore Ordered, that the parcel of land before described June 9. 1851. be and the same hereby is taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City - according to a plan of the said premises made by E. S. Sherbourn dated June 9<sup>th</sup> 1851. and deposited in the office of the said Mayor and Aldermen.

Whereas this Board, by a Resolve  
Pearl and High streets. and passed this day has taken a certain parcel of land, therein described, lying on Pearl and High Streets and laid out the same as a public street or way of said City, it is therefore Ordered, That due notice be given to Levi N. Dowley and all other persons interested as owners, proprietors, tenants, occupants, or otherwise, in said land that they cut off, pull down, remove and carry away all buildings, erections and obstructions of every sort standing on and projecting over the line of said Pearl and High Streets as established by the Resolve aforesaid, or, move and set back the same to the said line, and vacate and surrender the land and premises taken as aforesaid on or before the first day of July now next ensuing. And in default thereof, the City Marshal is hereby directed and empowered forthwith to enter upon said land and cause all buildings, erections and obstructions standing on and projecting over the line of said Pearl and High Streets as established by the Resolve aforesaid, to be cut off, pulled down, removed and carried away, or to be moved and set back to said line, and the said land to be vacated and surrendered under the direction of the Committee on laying out and widening Streets.

Ordered, That the Super- 281.

intendent of Streets be authorized to grade South street South  
from the Primary School House to C. street, to conform to the street  
established grade of said street.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P. M.

At a meeting of the board of  
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City  
Hall on Monday the Sixteenth day of June Anno Domini 1851.  
Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Holbrook.

The Committee on Ordinances Sanatic  
reported an ordinance, authorizing the Board of Visitors of Hospital  
the Boston Sanatic Hospital, to make choice annually of



282 a Superintendent of Jail Hospital. Read accepted and June 10 1851 passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Lunatic Hospital. Order of the Common Council authorizing the Committee on Ordinances to report in print respecting the Boston Lunatic Hospital. Came up in concurrence. Read and concurred.

Law. Remonstrance of Joseph Drew against the petition of A. G. Penniman for the removal of certain privies or vaults in the rear of Auburn Court. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Winslow. Communication from Isaac Winslow respecting a complaint against him, as regards a nuisance existing on his estate in Chamber street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Deer Island. Report of the Cockituate Water Board respecting a conduit to Deer Island. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on the Institutions at South Boston and Deer Island. Came up for concurrence. Read and laid on the Table.

Bennett. Petition of Moses W. Bennett, for leave to construct a drain from his premises in Hanover street, also to open a cellar door. Referred to the Committee on Paving

Robbins. Petition of Joseph Robbins, & others, to have a part of Fair Street accepted and paved. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Eaton. Petition of Ezra Eaton, & others, to repair or repave Bennett Place. Referred to the Committee on Paving

Petition of John Rayner, and 283.

to have North Federal Court resurfaced. Referred to the Com-  
-mittee on Drains. June 16, 1851.  
Court.

Petition of Henderson Inches, and Inches

others, to have a sewer laid in Washington Street, between Corn-  
-hill and Court Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers &  
Drains.

Petition of M. J. Clarke, for the South Cong<sup>l</sup>

South Congregational Society, to have the drain extended at the  
corner of Castle and Washington Streets. Referred to the Commit-  
-tee on Sewers and Drains. Society.

Whereas, an Order passed this East

Board on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 1851, laying an assessment  
for constructing a Common Sewer in East Street, and whereas,  
since said order and assessment were passed, the owner of  
an Estate on the Southerly side of said Street, corner of  
Street, has made application to the Superintendent of Com-  
-mon Sewers for leave to enter the common sewer above men-  
-tioned and desires to be assessed for the same (not having  
been included in the schedule above referred to) it is there-  
-fore Ordered, That the Superintendent of Common Sewers be,  
and he is hereby, directed to present a revised schedule and  
valuation of estates benefitted by said Common Sewer. In  
pursuance of the above order, the Superintendent of Sewers and  
Drains presented a revised schedule and valuation of the  
construction of said Sewer in East Street. Referred to the Com-  
-mittee on Sewers and Drains. Street.

Stephen H. Tarbell, was nominated Constable  
and appointed Constable of the Bayliten Watch. of Watch.



June 16 1851 from William Freeman declining a re-election as a Director of the House of Industry and Reformation. Read and laid upon the Table.

Jamaica

Report from the Aqueduct Water Board, stating that they have completed the purchase of the property of the Aqueduct Corporation &c. referred in Common Council, to the Committee on Water, and with the accompanying papers, ordered to be printed. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Loan.

Order of the Common Council referring an order for a temporary loan, not exceeding Three hundred thousand dollars, to the Committee on Finance. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Williams

Market.

On the notice of intention to build of Henry Williams, in behalf of the Williams Market Corporation, on the corner of Washington and Lever street the Committee on Streets, reported, that the public interests do not require that said Street be widened as prayed for. Read and accepted.

Tyler.

June 16

On the petition of John S. Tyler, and others, to use a Hydrant in Lever street for watering road Street and that the drivers of carts employed by the Boston Water Power Company may conform to existing ordinances - The Common Council non-concurred with this Board - and now this Board adheres to its former vote respecting the use of the Hydrant, and refers the remainder of the subject of said petition to the Mayor. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

of Industry &c. reported the number of aliens admitted to June 10, 1831. that Institution and Deer Island. Came up from the Common. - Allen Council. Read and filed.

The ballots being taken it appeared that Isaac Lury was elected one of the Directors of the House of Industry and Reformation, in concurrence, and Julius A. Palmer in place of John Bowdin, elected by the Common Council. Sent down for concurrence.

Memorial of Cyrus Alger, requesting the City to remove all obstructions from his land in Dorchester street. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings, be authorized to repair such of the Engine, Lighthouse and Hook and Ladder Houses as they may deem expedient in a suitable manner, to render them convenient for Primary School Rooms, and that the expense thereof be charged to the appropriation for Primary School Houses. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Petition of Boston Light Infantry, to have their Armory in Faneuil Hall repaired. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.



June 16. 1851.  
Congress  
Street.

Resolved, That the safety and

convenience of the Inhabitants of this City require that Congress Street should be widened, and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City a parcel of land belonging to Peter Parker, Joseph Stark and the heirs of John Weiss deceased, and Josiah Quincy Jr. Esq. trustee for Mrs. S. W. Babcock, bounded as follows, viz:

Beginning at the Northeastly corner of Simmons Block, thence Eastwardly along the Southly side of S. W. Babcock's lot, five feet and twenty nine hundredths of a foot, to the Southeastly corner of the same; thence Northwardly along the Westerly side of Congress Street forty nine feet and six hundredths of a foot, to the Northeastly corner of Peter Parker's lot; thence Westwardly, along the Northly side of said Parker's lot four feet and twenty three hundredths of a foot, to the new line of Congress Street, as at present widened on the Westerly side; thence Southwardly on a straight line, forty eight feet and eighty eight hundredths of a foot, to the point of beginning; containing two hundred and forty two square feet and thirteen hundredths of a square foot, more or less, taking from said Parker  $78\frac{59}{100}$  square feet from said Stark & Weiss  $80\frac{51}{100}$  square feet and from the wife of said Babcock  $83\frac{73}{100}$  square feet. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City according to a plan of the said premises made by E. J. Chestrough dated June 9<sup>th</sup> 1851. and deposited in the office of the said Mayor & Aldermen.

Whereas this Board, by a Resolve 287.

Resolved this day has taken a certain parcel of land, therein June 16. 1851  
described, lying on Congress Street and laid out the same as Tucker,  
a public street or way of said City, it is therefore Ordered, Stark,  
That due notice be given to Peter Parker, Joseph Stark and the Weiss.  
 heirs of John Weiss deceased, and all other persons interested Congress  
as owners, proprietors, tenants, occupants, or otherwise, in said Street.  
land that they cut off, pull down, remove and carry away  
all buildings, erections and obstructions of every sort stand-  
ing on and projecting over the line of said Congress Street,  
as established by the Resolve aforesaid, or, move and set  
back the same to the said line, and vacate and surren-  
der the land and premises taken as aforesaid on or before  
the first day of July now next ensuing. And in default thereof,  
the City Marshal is hereby directed and empowered forth-  
with to enter upon said land and cause all buildings, erec-  
tions and obstructions standing on and projecting over the  
line of said Congress Street, as established by the Resolve aforesaid,  
to be cut off, pulled down, removed and carried away,  
or to be moved and set back to said line, and the said land  
to be vacated and surrendered under the direction of the Com-  
mittee on laying out and widening Streets.

Ordered, That an act of the City  
Legislature of this Commonwealth, entitled "An act to authorize Council  
members of City Councils to hold other offices," passed April 24. member  
1851. be and the same is hereby adopted by the City Council. (What?)  
Same up for concurrence. Read and concurred.



The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the petition of Engine Company No. 16, Engine Co. No. 16, for leave to carry their engine and apparatus to New York, & leave another engine in its place, reported, that it is inexpedient to grant the same. Read and accepted.

Engine Co. No. 4.

Petition of the officers and members of Engine Co. No. 4, requesting an honorable discharge, to take effect on and after the first day of July next. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Fire Department Salaries

Report establishing the Salaries of the members of the Boston Fire Department. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and laid upon the Table.

Snell

Petition of Nehemiah L. Snell, praying to be read respecting his being dismissed from the Watch. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Blanchard

Petition of Andrews Blanchard, & others, residing in Garden Street, to have the name of said street changed. Referred to Aldermen Kimball, Smith and Clark.

City Registrar.

Ordered, That the City Registrar be authorized and instructed to employ a competent person at the expense of the City to prepare indices to all the volumes of records in his office where such deficiency exists. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Hill

Remonstrance of Daniel F. Holt & others, against the petition for licensing for carriage stands in Market Square. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of the officers and

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members of Engine Company No. 19. to be discharged from and after the first of July next. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Ordered, That the <sup>A</sup>City Engineer Jamaica

is and hereby is authorized and required to take charge of the Jamaica Pond Aqueduct and the property connected therewith, and hold it <sup>B</sup>under the direction of the Archibute Water Board, subject to the future action of the City Council thereon. Came up for concurrence. Concurred with the following amendment, viz: at A. strike out "City Engineer" and insert "Archibute Water Board" and at B. strike out the words "under the direction of the Archibute Water Board". Sent down for concurrence.

The ballots for Chief Engineer Engineers

and Nine Assistant Engineers of the Boston Fire Department being taken, it appeared that William Barnicoat was chosen chief engineer, and Charles S. Clark, Anson Elms, Elisha Smith, Jr. Joshua Jacobs, George W. Bird, Frederick J. Colburn, Thomas Harland, James Wood, and Nathaniel S. McDiarmid, were chosen Assistant Engineers, in concurrence with the Common Council.

The Joint Standing Committee Greenleaf

on Public Buildings to whom was referred the petition of A. A. Greenleaf, asking for the use of Primary School Room on Worcester Street, or the Ward room in Ward No. 11. for Public Worship, for two or three days; report, that the use of the Ward room in Ward No. 11. in the Franklin School house, be granted to the petitioner until further notice. For the Committee Billings, Organ, Chairman. Read & accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.



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Furst

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Buildings to whom was referred the petition of Lewis Furst, and others asking for the free use of one of the School Rooms for Public Worship by a German Society, report, that the Ward room in the Summer School House be granted to said petitioners as asked until further notice. In the Committee, Billings, Briggs, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Newspapers

Ordered, That the Boston Daily Advertiser Boston Atlas, Boston Post, Boston Courier, Evening Transcript, Boston Journal and Evening Traveller newspapers, be selected to publish all ordinances, laws, notices and advertisements required to be published by the City, and any departments thereof in the public journals, and that the sum of Three hundred and fifty dollars be paid to the proprietors of each of the said Newspapers in full for the same - and no contract or bill for advertising in any newspapers other than those herein enumerated shall be made or approved by any member of the City Government, or by any officer, or member of any board chosen by the City Council unless by an express vote of the City Council. Also ordered, that fifty dollars per annum be paid to the proprietors of the South Boston Gazette for publishing said ordinances, laws notices and advertisements, and a like sum per annum to the proprietors of the East Boston Ledger for publishing the same, as aforesaid. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred with an amendment, viz: at the South Boston Gazette, Mail, Bee, and Herald. Sent down for concurrence. Came up non-concurred.

Ordered, That Tremont street 291.

be graded from Roxbury line to Groton Street, to conform to an order passed this board November 13<sup>th</sup> 1850, establishing the grade of said street.

Ordered, That the City Marshal Purchase

shall be directed to notify the owners and abutters on Purchase Street, from Hull to Belmont Streets, to cause their sidewalks to be paved with bricks or flat stones and to cause the same to be done within ten days.

Ordered, That the Superintendent Fourth

of Streets be authorized to pave Fourth Street from L Street to F Street, and make such alteration in the width and grade of the sidewalks as shall conform to the established grade of said street.

The Committee appointed to Salaries of

consider the subject of "Salaries of the Teachers of the Grammar and High Schools, whereby a distinction may be made between those who are resident citizens of Boston, and those who are not" presented a Report on that subject recommending, that from and after the expiration of the present fiscal year of the Teachers of the Public Grammar and High Schools of the City, no person shall be considered a candidate for election as Teacher of said Schools, unless he is or agrees to become, within thirty days from his election, a citizen of Boston. See printed Document No 30. Accepted in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and nonconcurred in the acceptance of the conclusions of the majority of the aforesaid Committee, but approves and adopts the recommendation of the minority of said Committee, which "approves the recommendations of the



292. <sup>to</sup> be modified, as to a prospective in operation; to re-  
June 10 1851 - main resident teachers from out of the city, and to be nec-  
-essary to the eligibility of any new candidate, but not to eli-  
-gibility to present incumbents, who are non-residents, as in this  
case it would be prospective and a <sup>D.</sup> fact, in character."  
Sent down for concurrence.

Williams. Whereas Moses Williams has given  
notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on Cross  
Street, in the said city; and, in the opinion of the Board, the  
safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the  
said street should be widened at the place described in  
the said notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice  
be given to the said Williams that this Board intend to  
widen the street before mentioned, by taking a part of the  
land now about to be built upon as aforesaid, and laying  
out the same as a public street - and that Monday, the  
twenty third day of June instant, at four o'clock, P.M., is  
assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may  
be made thereto.

Emery. The Committee on Paving, to whom  
Norton Street was referred the petition of F. H. Emery for leave to construct  
coal holes under the sidewalk for four houses in Norton Street,  
report, that the prayer of the petitioner be granted upon the usu-  
al condition, viz: that they be properly built and covered over  
with good and strong stone, subject to removal at the pleasure  
of the city. For the Committee, Sillings Biggs, Chairman. Read and  
accepted.

The  
Harms The Joint Standing Committee  
on Public Buildings having been instructed by an order of

the City Council to consider the subject matter of an uniform 293  
system of the alarms - have attended to that duty, and by June 10, 1851.  
leave to submit the following Report: Your Committee have no  
hesitation in declaring that the subject referred to them is  
one of great importance, and in view of the constant and  
rapidly increasing growth of our City one which calls loudly  
upon the government for action. The present system of alarms,  
although doubtless sufficient for villages and larger towns,  
is wholly inadequate to cities like ours, and it must be  
obvious to every one who has considered the matter for a  
moment or observed its operation in ordinary cases of alarm,  
that some new method should be devised, by which the Fire-  
men may be more quickly and with a greater degree of  
certainty notified of the locality, or direction of the fire or  
source of alarm, and thus prevent that confusion which  
now almost always occurs in such cases, unless the fire is  
actually seen. Under the present system a fire is discovered,  
the alarm is given in its immediate neighborhood, by the  
cry of fire and the ringing of the nearest bell. Those in the  
vicinity have of course no difficulty in discovering the  
cause of the alarm, but it is not so with the more distant  
fire companies. The alarm soon becomes general - the Engines  
at the extreme points are at once dragged to that part of  
the City from which the men suppose the alarm comes -  
but beyond a general direction there is no certainty what-  
ever, and it is a matter of common occurrence that  
Engines and Fire Carriages from the South end and South  
end meet those from the East and West without a single  
man attached to either being able to catch the other.



294. as to the direction of the fire or cause of alarm. This  
June 16. 1851. State of things must of course continue to exist until some  
plan can be devised by which the direction can be indi-  
-cated by the mode of alarm. This can only be done by  
dividing the city into districts after the manner practised  
in New York, Philadelphia and other large cities - doing away  
entirely with the indiscriminate ringing of the church &  
other bells, and making provision for the tolling or striking  
the district number upon some portion or all of those bells.  
The system at present in operation in the City of New York  
having been reported to your Committee as worthy of care-  
-ful consideration, a Sub-committee was charged with  
the duty of proceeding to that city with a view to its mi-  
-nute examination. The Sub-committee attended to that  
duty, and in the pursuit of their inquiry were afforded  
every facility by the proper authorities of New York. But  
your Committee do not deem it necessary to go into an  
elaborate or detailed report of the New York system. It  
has been found to work well, and admirably adapted to  
the wants of that largely extended city - but attended with  
large expense in the outset for Alarm Bells, Towers, &c., and  
requiring a large annual expenditure to carry it on, - so  
much so, that the authorities had the subject at that time  
under consideration with a view to the reduction of the ex-  
-pense by the application of the Magnetic Telegraphic Sys-  
-tem. Under these circumstances, and taking into consider-  
-ation the uneven surface of our City, your Committee had  
no hesitation in arriving at once at the conclusion - that  
if no other mode presented itself for their approval, the New

York System could not be made available here to advantage, 295.  
and therefore could not be recommended. And here the June 16. 1851.  
matter rested in the Committee, until the system of alarm  
by means of the Magnetic Telegraph prepared by Doctor Channing,  
was brought specially to the notice of the Committee,  
by means of his very able and elaborate communication  
addressed to the City Council, which is now in the hands  
of all the members of both branches of the government. This  
communication the Committee have perused, and most of  
them witnessed the experiments of Doctor Channing before the  
City Council on Thursday last, and they are unanimously  
of opinion that that system is worthy of immediate experi-  
ment. Your Committee therefore beg leave to append the  
communication of Doctor Channing as a part of their report,  
and recommend the appointment of a Joint Special Commit-  
tee to contract for the erection under proper restrictions and  
guaranties of success, of suitable works to test his system to  
the fullest extent, and if found to operate in the manner  
indicated in that communication and in accordance with  
the experiments made before the City Council, it be adopted  
by the Government and carried into full effect. They therefore  
submit for the adoption of the Council, the annexed order.  
For the Committee, N. A. Thompson. Ordered, That Messrs.  
Thompson, Richards and Duell, with such as the Board  
of Mayor and Aldermen may join, be a Committee with full  
power to contract forthwith for the erection of suitable appa-  
-ratus to test the Telegraphic System of Fire Alarm, with  
a view to its permanent adoption if found to be practicable,  
and that a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars be



290 and the same is hereby appropriated for that purpose, to  
be expended under the direction of said committee, the  
same to be charged to the appropriation for the Fire Depart-  
ment. Accepted in Common Council and the order passed.  
Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and Aldermen  
Rogers, Kimball and Smith were joined.

Haskell. Whereas it appears to  
this Board that a certain lot of land situated on Hamburg  
Street and belonging to J. S. Haskell is in a state of nuisance  
and dangerous to the health of the inhabitants; it is therefore  
Ordered that a notice in writing be given to the said Haskell  
that he cause the nuisance existing on said land and con-  
sisting of dirty and stagnant water to be removed within four-  
teen days from this date by filling in the same with good  
coarse gravel so that the same may be properly drained.

Horn & Sinclair. Whereas it appears to this Board  
that a certain lot of land situated on Hamburg Street and  
belonging to Messrs Horn & Sinclair is in a state of nuisance  
and dangerous to the health of the inhabitants; it is therefore  
Ordered that a notice in writing be given to the said Horn &  
Sinclair that they cause the nuisance existing on said land  
and consisting of dirty and stagnant water to be removed  
within fourteen days from this date by filling in the same with  
good coarse gravel so that the same may be properly drained.

Lee. Whereas it appears to this Board  
that certain lots of land situated on Hamburg Street and  
belonging to Samuel Lee are in a state of nuisance and

dangerous to the health of the inhabitants; it is therefore Order- 297  
ed that a notice in writing be given to the said Lee that June 10 1851  
he cause the nuisance existing on said land and consisting  
of dirty and stagnant water to be removed within fourteen  
days from this date by filling in said land with good coarse  
gravel so that the same may be properly drained.

Whereas it appears to this Board Lawrence  
that certain lots of land situated on Hamburg Street and  
belonging to Justin Lawrence are in a state of nuisance and  
dangerous to the health of the inhabitants; it is therefore Or-  
dered, that a notice in writing be given to the said Law-  
rence that because the nuisance existing on said lots and  
consisting of dirty and stagnant water to be removed with-  
in fourteen days from this date by filling in with good  
coarse gravel so that the same may be properly drained.

Whereas it appears to this Board Curtis  
that certain lots of land situated on Hamburg Street and  
belonging to Samuel Curtis is in a state of nuisance and  
dangerous to the health of the inhabitants; it is therefore Order-  
ed, that a notice in writing be given to the said Curtis  
that he cause the nuisance existing on said land and  
consisting of dirty and stagnant water to be removed within  
fourteen days from the date by filling in the same with good  
coarse gravel so that the same may be properly drained.

Whereas it appears to this Rea.  
Board that certain lots of land situated on Canton Street Canton St.



292 and belonging to William Rea are in a state of nuisance  
June 10 1851 and dangerous to the health of the inhabitants; it is therefore  
Ordered, that a notice in writing be given to the said Rea  
that he cause the nuisance existing on said lots and con-  
sisting of dirty and stagnant water to be removed within  
fourteen days from this date, by filling up said premises  
with good coarse gravel so that the same may be properly  
drained.

Milton. Whereas it appears to this board  
Canton St: that certain lots of land situated on Canton Street and  
belonging to W<sup>m</sup> H. Milton are in a state of nuisance and  
dangerous to the health of the inhabitants; it is therefore Ordered,  
that a notice in writing be given to the said Milton that  
he cause the nuisance existing on said land and consist-  
ing of dirty and stagnant water to be removed within fourteen  
days from this date, by filling up said land with good  
coarse gravel so that the same may be properly drained.

Winthrop. Whereas it appears to this  
Harrison board that a certain lot of land situated on Harrison  
avenue. Avenue and Dedham Street and belonging to Robert C.  
Winthrop and wife is in a state of nuisance and danger-  
ous to the health of the inhabitants; it is therefore Ordered,  
that a notice in writing be given to the said Winthrop  
that he cause the nuisance existing on said land and  
consisting of dirty and stagnant water to be removed with-  
in fourteen days from this date, by filling in the same with  
good coarse gravel so that the same be properly drained.

Whereas it appears to this 299.

Board that a certain lot of land situated on the corner of Harrison Avenue and Canton Street and belonging to Samuel Curtis is in a state of nuisance and dangerous to the health of the inhabitants; it is therefore Ordered, that a notice in writing be given to the said Curtis that he cause the nuisance existing on said land and consisting of filthy & stagnant water to be removed within fourteen days from this date, by properly draining and filling up the premises with good clean gravel.

Petition of Benjamin Burgess Burgess  
and others to have Myrtle street continued in a straight Myrtle St.  
line to Pine street; of Donald McKay, and others, in re McKay.  
-lation to Meridian street, and requesting to be heard re-  
-specting opening First street as petitioned for by William  
Haid & Samuel Souner, jun<sup>r</sup>, a committee. Referral to the  
committee on Streets.

Whereas it appears that the Court House  
comfort & convenience of the several State Courts sitting in this city 119  
require more & better accommodations than are now afforded to Marshal.  
them in the County Court House, - it is therefore, Ordered, that the Com-  
-mittee on Public Buildings on the part of this Board give imme-  
-diate notice to the Marshall of the United States, that he vacate  
& surrender the premises occupied by him in said Court House  
on or before the first day of January now next ensuing

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P.M.



At a meeting of the board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the Twenty third day of June A.D. 1851.

Present

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Shaw. Petition of Robert G. Shaw, Exchange St. and others, to have Exchange Street widened. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Leopeland. Petition of Elisha Leopeland, and others, for aid in widening Suffolk Street, between Lever and Waltham streets. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Jarves. Petition of D. G. Jarves, and others, to have a nuisance abated, occasioned by Turpentine work at South Boston. Also stagnant water. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Myer. Petition of Bochart Myer, & others, to have a nuisance abated, occasioned by stagnant water, at East Boston. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Kind. Petition of Jonny Kind, for a license to give concerts at Tremont Temple. Referred to the Committee on Licenses, with full power.

Williams. On the notice of intention to build of Moses Williams, on Cross street, upon which an order of notice issued, returnable at this time, and no person appearing to object, it was thereupon ordered, that the subject be recommitted with full power.

The Committee on Paving, 301.

to whom was referred the petition of Henry Nichols, & others June 22, 1851  
to have Harrison Avenue, between Kneeland and Harvard streets, Nichols  
on the westerly side, paved with bricks, reported, that no fur-  
ther action is necessary on said petition. Read and accepted.

On the petition of M. S. Clarke, South Congt<sup>l</sup>  
for the South Congregational Society, the Committee on Scurrs Society,  
and Grains reported in favor of the extension of the common  
sewer in Castle street as prayed for; provided, the petitioners  
pay three fourths of the cost of the same. Read & accepted.

John Rowdin was chosen by Houses of  
ballot a Director of the Houses of Industry and Reformation Industry &  
in concurrence with the Common Council, Julius A. Palmer Reformation  
having declined being a candidate for said office.

George Barracott was elected an House of  
Directors of the House of Correction thereby nonconcurring with the Correction  
Common Council, who elected in it's part Adam W. Thayer, presented  
down for concurrence. Came up non-concurred.

Letter from James G. Hovey, resign- Hovey.  
ing his seat in the Common Council. Came up accepted in Council  
in that board. Read and placed on file.

The Committee to whom was referred Snell.  
the petition of Abimeiah W. Snell for a hearing in respect to his being  
discharged from the Watch, reported same to withdraw. Read & accepted.



June 23/51 Honorable Edward Everett, with a catalogue of books transmitted to him for the public library. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on the Public Library, with authority to cause the same to be printed. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Eaton

The Committee on Paving, to whom was referred the petition of Ezra Eaton, and others, to have Bennett Place repaved or repaired, reported, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition. Read and accepted.

May

The Committee on Sewers and Drains, to whom was referred the petition of William B. May, and others to have a sewer laid in Hamburg street, reported, that as said street has not been accepted, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition. Read and accepted.

Homer

The Committee on Paving, to whom was referred the petition of A. C. Homer, and others, to have Washington Street paved with granite, between Essex and New Street reported, that no further action is necessary on said petition. Read & accepted.

Evans

The Committee on Paving, to whom was referred the petition of William F. Evans to have the grade of Gates and Telegraph streets where he is about building, given him, reported, that the City Engineer be requested to give him the grade as asked for. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Paving, 303.

to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin James, & others, June 23 1851 to have Gloucester street graded, reported, that as the grade James has been given, no further action is necessary on said petition. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Paving Gates

to whom was referred the petition of Isaac Gates, and others, to have crossing stones placed in Court street, on the western side of the head of Sudbury street, reported, that no further action is necessary on said petition. Read and accepted.

The Common Council having Jamaica nonconcurred with this board in the amendments proposed to the order respecting the care and custody of the Jamaica Aqueduct and Aqueduct, and said order having come up for concurrence, it was laid upon the table.

The Joint Special Committee Fire

to whom was referred the matter of Salaries of members of Department the Boston Fire Department, Report, That the Salary of the Chief Engineer shall be at the rate of three hundred dollars per annum. that of the Assistant Engineers shall be at the rate of two hundred and fifty dollars per annum. that the Secretary of the Board of Engineers shall be paid at the rate of eight hundred dollars per annum, which shall be in full payment for all services that may be required of him by the Mayor and Aldermen, the Chief Engineer, and the Board of Engineers. The Foremen of the respective Engine, Hose, and Hook and Ladder Companies, shall be paid at the rate of one hundred and fifty dollars each per annum except the



307 Foremen of the several East Boston Companies who shall re-  
June 26 1851. - ceive at the rate of twenty five dollars per annum, - The  
Assistant Foremen and Clerks of the said Companies shall  
be paid at the rate of One hundred and twenty five dol-  
- lars per annum each, except the Assistant Foremen and  
Clerks of the several East Boston Companies, who shall be  
paid at the rate of Sixty dollars each, per annum. The Stew-  
ard of the said Companies shall be paid at the rate of  
One hundred and twenty five dollars each per annum,  
except the several Stewards of the East Boston Companies  
who shall be paid at the rate of Sixty dollars per annum.  
And all other members of said Companies shall be paid  
at the rate of One hundred dollars each per annum,  
except the members of the several Companies at East Boston,  
who shall be paid at the rate of Fifty dollars each per  
annum. All the salaries above named, except those of  
the Chief Engineer and the Secretary of the Board of Engi-  
neers shall be paid semi-annually, and to commence July  
1<sup>st</sup> 1851. In Common Council. Read and accepted. Came  
up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Reed. Ordered, That the Superinten-  
ding Street Agent be authorized to repair the gutters and re-  
- pair the street and make such alterations and repairs  
in the grade and width of the side walks as shall be  
found necessary.

Bowne. The Committee on Paving to  
Charles Jackson was referred the petition of G. W. Bowne to have the  
side walk on the northwest side of Church Street, from

Pearl to Belmont street, repaved, report, that the prayer 305  
of the petitioner be granted. For the Committee Billings, Supp. June 22, 1851.  
Chairman. Read & accepted.

Ordered, That the Superin- brocker.  
-tendent of Streets be authorized to pave Washington Street, be- Washington  
-tween Cornhill and Court Street, and make such alteration street.  
in the grade and width of the side walk as shall be found  
necessary.

Ordered, That the Superin- North  
-tendent of Streets be authorized to repair North Federal Court, Federal  
and make such alteration in the grade and width of the Court.  
side walk as shall be found necessary.

Ordered, That the Superintendent, Kingston  
of Streets be authorized to repair Kingston Street from Summer Street  
to Essex Street and make such alteration in the width and  
grade of the sidewalks as shall be necessary.

The Committee on Levees and Godman.  
Drains, to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin S. Quincy,  
Godman, David H. Williams, and others, in relation to the com- Eliphant  
-mon sewer in Washington Street, between Hollis and Com- Court.  
-mon Streets report the following Order. For the Committee William.  
Billings Briggs, Chairman. Ordered That the collection of Drain.  
the several amounts assessed upon the estates of Benjamin Washington  
S. Godman, Estate of Samuel Quincy, Henry S. Eliphant, and  
Nathaniel A. Court David H. Williams, and Jacob Bacon,  
for their proportional part of constructing the common sewer  
in Washington Street, be postponed until entries have been



306. made into the common sewer from their respective estates,  
June 23, 1851. they receiving no benefit at present from the common sewer,  
as they now drain in another direction.

East  
Street.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order  
of this Board passed on the Tenth day of September, 1850 a  
Common Sewer has been constructed in East Street, the cost  
of which was six hundred forty two dollars and forty seven  
cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid  
by the said City, there remains one hundred and eighty  
one  $\frac{85}{100}$  to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, accord-  
ing to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named  
in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as afore-  
said, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with  
the sums therein set to their respective names, as their propor-  
-tional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same  
is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the par-  
-ties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. And it is also Ordered,  
that the said assessments shall be payable whenever en-  
-tries shall be made into the common sewer from the said  
estates.

Hay  
London St.

Whereas it appears to this board  
that a certain lot of land numbered One hundred and  
thirty three on a plan of East Boston, situated between Lin-  
-don and Liverpool Streets, and belonging to Richard I. Fay  
is in a state of nuisance and dangerous to the health  
of the inhabitants; it is therefore Ordered that a notice in  
writing be given to the said Fay that because the nuisance  
existing on said premises and consisting of stagnant and

dirty water to be removed within fourteen days from this 307.  
date, by properly draining and filling up the same with June 23 1851  
good coarse gravel.

Whereas it appears to this Girard.  
Board that a certain lot of land numbered one hundred Sumner.  
and thirty one on the plan of East Boston, situated between London St.  
London and Liverpool streets and belonging to Mrs Girard of  
New York, William H. Sumner being agent thereof is in a state  
of nuisance and dangerous to the health of the inhabitants;  
it is therefore Ordered, that a notice in writing be given to  
the said Sumner agent for said Girard that he cause the  
nuisance existing on said lot and consisting of stagnant  
and filthy water to be removed within fourteen days from  
this date, by draining and filling up the same with good  
coarse gravel so that it will shed water.

Whereas it appears to this board Sumner.  
that a certain lot of land, numbered One hundred and  
thirty two on the plan of East Boston situated between Lon-  
don and Liverpool Streets and belonging to William H. Sum-  
ner is in a state of nuisance and dangerous to the health  
of the inhabitants; it is therefore Ordered, that a notice in  
writing be given to the said Sumner that he cause the nuis-  
-ance existing on said premises and consisting of stagnant  
and dirty water to be removed within fourteen days from  
this date, by properly draining and filling up the same  
with good coarse gravel.

Whereas it appears to this Drew  
Board that certain premises situated on Auburn Street and Auburn Street



308. belonging to an estate owned by Joseph Drew is so constructed  
June 23/55 that the inside of the same is less than two feet distant  
from the line of the adjoining shade and is not tight and  
therefore is in a state of nuisance and dangerous to the  
health of the inhabitants; it is therefore Ordered, that a no-  
tice in writing be given to the said Drew that he cause  
the nuisance existing in said premises and consisting of  
said privy and its contents to be removed within fourteen  
days from this date, by causing a proper and sufficient privy  
to be constructed that shall not on the inside thereof  
be less than two feet distant from the line of any adjoin-  
ing lot.

Paris Street,

Meridian  
Street

Resolved, that in the opinion of  
this Board the safety and convenience of the inhabitants  
require that Paris Street from Sumner Street to Maverick  
Street and Meridian Street between Saratoga Street and  
the northerly side of Princeton Street, should be accepted  
and laid out as a public street or highway whenever a  
proper conveyance of the land contained therein shall be  
made to the City by the East Boston Corporation and the  
said portions of streets shall be graded and put in suita-  
ble order to the satisfaction of the Committee on Paving.

Remick

Ordered, That there be paid to  
Benjamin Remick the sum of One Hundred and twenty  
five dollars in full of all claims for damages he has sus-  
tained in consequence of the alteration of the grade of North  
Grove and Vine Streets, and that the same be charged  
to the appropriation for Paving.

Ordered, That there be 309.

paid to Robert Knox the sum of Two hundred and twenty June 23/1851  
dollars for land taken to widen Barrett Street, upon his  
giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquit- Barrett St.  
tance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses  
in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged  
to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets.

Ordered, That there be paid Dowley  
to Levi S. Dowley, the sum of Two thousand two hundred and Pearl &  
fifty two dollars for land taken to widen High and Pearl High streets.  
streets, upon his giving to the City a Deed for the same, and  
an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and  
expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same  
be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening  
Streets.

Ordered, That to prevent ac- Independence.  
-cidents and for the greater convenience of citizens and for Carriages  
-cessions during the day, and of persons visiting the Common Grounds for  
on the evening of the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, 1851, the following arrangements refreshments.  
are made in regard to Carriages:— At 11 o'clock. All car-  
riages and Stands for the sale of refreshments will be ex-  
cluded from Chestnut Street at North and Beacon, from  
field at Washington, Winter at Washington, West at Wash-  
ington, New at Washington, Brighton at Washington, re-  
-ment at Eliot, Carter at Eliot Pleasant at Eliot, Church  
at Railroad Depot, Mill Dam at Lime, Charles at Chestnut  
Spruce at Chestnut, Walnut at Chestnut, Jay at Mount Vernon,  
Temple at Mount Vernon, and Beacon at Bourdain Street



310. until after the Fireworks are over and the people have  
June 23/1851 left the Common. And the City Marshal is hereby author-  
-ized and directed to carry into effect the above order.

Liquor  
Selling

Whereas for several years past,  
on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July some persons have been in the habit of  
selling from Booths and Tables about the Common, Spirit-  
-ous Liquors by the glass, and whereas such sales are  
in violation of the laws of this Commonwealth, and have  
been productive of disorder and breaches of the peace, there-  
-fore, it is Ordered, that the City Marshal be, and he hereby  
is directed to remove any such person (after notice giv-  
-en him to remove) as may come to the Common, or its vicinity  
with like intent, and to prevent all such persons from taking  
Stands who in his opinion intend to pursue the like business.

Winthrop  
Light Guards

The Joint Standing Committee  
on Public Buildings to whom was referred the petition of  
the Winthrop Light Guards, asking that the City would allow  
them a sum of money to fit up and furnish their Armory,  
having attended to that duty, report, that as an order pass-  
ed the City Council April 7<sup>th</sup> allowing them the sum of One  
hundred dollars per annum for an Armory, your Commit-  
-tee are of opinion that no further action is required; there-  
-fore they would recommend that the petitioners have leave  
to withdraw their petition. In the Committee, William Briggs,  
Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.  
Same up concurred.

Ordered, That the City Ad-311

Advertising be done this year in such newspapers and on June 23 1851 such terms as the several committees of the City Council may see fit to authorize. Read and laid upon the Table.

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Lands to whom was referred the order of June 20<sup>th</sup> 1851 to report a plan for the disposal of the Old Jail re-

port House and Land on Everett Street, submit the following Report: That they have considered the subject embraced in the order and herewith submit a plan for laying out the land into lots for building purposes. The size and location of the lots is believed to be as favorable as the shape and extent of land owned by the City will admit. The proposed new Street upon the plan, would be an extension of Wall Street to Causeway Street. In reference to that part of the order which relates to a sale of the property, the Committee are of the opinion that it may be disposed of at a fair value, and possession given when the premises are vacated by the removal of its occupants to the New Jail on North Street, which will be completed and ready for use by the 1<sup>st</sup> of August next. They recommend that the subject be referred to a Committee, with power to make such disposition of the property by a sale, as the public interest may require. For the Committee, William Duggs, Chairman, Motion accepted in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on Public Lands be and they are hereby au-



312. Authorized to dispose of the Old Jail, Court House and Land  
June 2<sup>d</sup> 1851. situated in Ferris Street, either by public auction or private  
sale, and the proceeds be paid into the City Treasury. Passed.  
Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Dexter. Communication from Thomas A.  
Squeduck. Dexter respecting the sale of the Squeduck shop in Tyler  
street. Read and referred to the Committee on Public Build-  
ings. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Treasurer. Ordered, That the Treasurer be  
loan. and he hereby is authorized to borrow, under the direction of  
the Committee on Finance, a sum of money, not exceeding three  
hundred thousand dollars, in anticipation of the income of  
the Financial year 1851 & 52. and that all sums of money bor-  
rowed under this order, shall be made payable within the  
said financial year. Tabled in Common Council, Year 32. Nays  
none. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred by bal-  
lot, vizt: The Mayor and all the Aldermen voting Yea, nine.  
Nays, none.

Harvey The Committee on Licenses  
to whom was referred a petition in behalf of J. H. Harvey for ser-  
vices rendered in looking after truant and other children  
of the Primary Schools &c. Report: that as said Harvey did  
for a long time render good service on a very important  
subject, that he is entitled to some remuneration and report  
an order for the payment of One hundred dollars in full  
for all such services, and that as other arrangements are  
now made for the services hereafter performed by said Harvey,

that it is understood, no further compensation will be made 313.  
for any duties he may perform for any of the Primary School June 23 1851.  
Teachers or others. In the Committee, - H. Grant, Chairman. Ordered  
That there be paid to J. W. Harvey, One Hundred dollars, for  
services rendered in looking after Truant and absent children,  
and the same to be charged to the fund for Miscellaneous  
claims, and that the same be paid into the hands of George  
Hallender, Esq. for his benefit. Read, accepted and the order put  
-ed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

The Committee on Public Improvements  
Lands to whom was referred an order to consider the expedi-  
ency of causing the Common on Telegraph Hill to be fenced  
and improved - in view of the subject having been subse-  
-quently referred to a Joint Special Committee with full pow-  
-ers, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the  
Subject. In the Committee, William Briggs, Chairman, pro tem.  
Accepted in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read  
and concurred.

Ordered, That the Joint Se- Telegraph  
-lect Committee who have charge of the subject of fencing Hill  
the Common on Telegraph Hill, cause a fence to be made  
around the Water Reservoir on said hill so as to complete  
and finish the Ellipsis, provided the Locustuate Water Board  
consents to the same. Read and laid upon the Table.

A majority of the Committee City  
to whom was referred an order to consider the expediency of  
of repealing an ordinance in relation to City Officers paid



314. December 23, 1850. Report: That they have duly considered the subject committed to them, and are convinced that the Ordinance is of a very vexatious character, causing unnecessary trouble to the superintendents of the several departments, without any saving to the city. Your Committee are of opinion that many of the large contracts can be made on as good terms with the members of the City Government as can be by persons outside of it, and do not see why they should be excluded. Your Committee do not see that any essential saving can be made to the City by the continuance of the Ordinance, and would therefore recommend its repeal. For the Committee C. W. Clark, Chairman. The foregoing Report was taken from the table, and on the question of its passage the yeas and nays being required, were taken as follows, viz: Yeas - Aldermen Clark, Kimball and Grant - 3. Nays - Aldermen Smith, Munroe, Holtzack, Briggs, Rogers, and the Mayor - 6. So the same was rejected.

Way

Ordered, That there be paid to Samuel A. Way the sum of Three hundred dollars in full for all claims for damages to him and family, and property, in consequence of an obstruction in the highway at the corner of Tremont and Newton Streets, on the night of the 2<sup>d</sup> of May last and that the same be charged to the appropriation for paving.

Adjourned to Friday next, ten o'clock, A.M.

At a meeting of the board 315  
of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City  
Hall on Friday the Twenty seventh day of June anno Domini 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Smith.

Whereas, for the better order & Fire  
discipline of the Boston Fire Department, a new Fire Ordinance - Department.  
-nance has been adopted by the City Government, which is to  
go into operation on the first day of July next, and a very  
considerable proportion of the existing companies have expressed  
-ed their unwillingness to continue their services under the  
new law, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen hereby invite  
well-disposed and able men, who are inclined to serve under  
the present Ordinance as members of the department, to  
make application forthwith at the Chief Engineer's Office  
City Building, Court Square: And they also call upon the  
citizens generally, who are willing to volunteer their services  
for the purpose of sustaining the authorities in their endeavors  
-ers to secure the safety and welfare of the City, to give in  
their names at the Mayor's Office, City Hall. Passed and  
ordered to be printed in the City Newspapers.

Sundry persons having offered Fire  
themselves as Volunteers of the Fire Department, as named Department  
in the schedule placed on file this day. Read and there- volunteers  
-upon Ordered, that the persons thus offering themselves as vol-  
-unteers, be and they are hereby appointed as members of the  
Fire Department under the new organization commencing



316. on the first day of July next.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the board of  
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City  
Hall on Monday the Thirtieth day of June, Anno Domini, 1851.  
Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Adams. Whereas J. C. Howe and  
Howe - Benj. Adams have given notice to this Board of their  
Federal & intention to erect buildings on Federal and Atkinson street  
Atkinson in the said City; and, in the opinion of the Board, the safety  
streets. and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said  
street should be widened at the place described in the  
said notice, it is therefore hereby ordered, that due notice  
be given to the said Howe and Adams that this Board  
intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a  
part of the land now about to be built upon as afore-  
said, and laying out the same as a public street, and  
that Monday, the seventh day of July next at four o'clock,  
P.M. is assigned as the time for hearing any objections  
which may be made thereto.

Sewers. The ballots being for a Super-  
superintendent - intendent of Common Sewers. it appeared that Charles  
B. Wells was elected in concurrence with the Common  
Council.

Petition of Isaac D. Farns = 317.

worth, praying that the City would accept two mortgages June 30 1851.  
as payment for land on Suffolk and on certain condi-  
-tions. Read and referred to the joint standing Committee on  
Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concur-  
-red.

Petition of William Jewks = Jewksbury.  
-bury to be paid for land taken by the City to make a road Point Shirley  
on Point Shirley in North Chelsea, or that the City would pur-  
-chase two pieces of land belonging to him. Read and refer-  
-red to the joint Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for  
concurrence. Came up concurred.

Memorial of David Henshaw; Henshaw.  
and others in regard to First Street, South Boston, between First Street  
A. and E. Streets, claiming damages. Referred to the Com-  
-mittee on Streets.

Ordered, That the City Mar = Independence  
-shal make the usual arrangement to furnish bochituate  
Water and Ice on the Common, on the approaching anniver-  
-sary of our National Independence.

Petition of Samuel A. Way  
Way to have East Orange street accepted, paved and side  
walks laid. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Otis Drury, and Drury.  
others, that Harve Street be graded, and a common sewer  
constructed in the same. Referred to the Committee on Paving.



Whereas it appears to this

June 30. 1851. Board that a certain tenement situated on Gough Street and belonging to Stephen Torrey, Trustee for Joseph Gough Trust. V. Torrey and Eliza V. Torrey, and now in the occupation of Edward Spring is in a state of nuisance and dangerous to the health of the inhabitants; it is therefore Ordered, that a notice in writing be given to the said S. Torrey, J. V. Torrey, Eliza V. Torrey and Edward Spring that they cause the nuisance existing on said premises and consisting of dirt and filth and the contents of a stable and vault to be removed within five days from this date, by removing and carrying off the same to the satisfaction of the Committee on Internal health.

Suffolk -	Ordered, That Suffolk street
Chesmont -	from Dover street to Brookline street be paved within
Waltham	the present year eighteen hundred and fifty one, and that
Chelsea	Chesmont street from Dover street to Chelsea street and
Waltham	Waltham street and Chelsea street from Suffolk street to
Chelsea	Chesmont street, be paved within three years from the first
streets.	day of September next.

Goldthwait	Petition of S. P. Goldthwait, for
Steam Engine	leave to place a Steam Engine in a building on Harvard
	hill street. Referred to the Committee on Steam Engines.

Haley	Petition of J. J. Haley and others,
	for the construction of two cess pools and repairing Fulton
	street from Richmond to Lewis streets. Referred to the Com-
	mittee on Paving.

Petition of J. M. Wightman, 319.

to have Currier street paved between Boylston and Pleasant June 30. 1851.  
Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving. Wightman.

Remonstrance of Isaac Harris  
Harris, and others, against altering the name of Garden Court to  
Court Street. Referred to the Committee who have said peti-  
-tion for consideration.

The Committee to whom was Burgess.  
referred the petition of Benjamin Burgess, and others, to have  
Myrtle street continued in a straight line to Pine street,  
as prayed for in the petition of F. H. Degrand, and others,  
made a report, which was read and laid upon the  
table.

Petition of Daniel Weld, and Weld  
others, to have the sewers in Washington street extended  
southerly beyond Waltham street. Referred to the Committee  
on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of Woldron and Ayer Woldron  
for leave to remove a wooden building. Referred to the Com-  
-mittee on Paving.

Petition of Gilbert E. Pierce, and Pierce  
others, to have side walks laid in Chelsea street from Hur-  
-wick to Decatur street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

The Common Council having House of  
elected Frederick Nickerson an officer of the House of Correction  
Correction, to fill the vacancy in that board. Came up for  
concurrence. Read and laid upon the Table.



The Committee on Licenses re-  
 June 30, 1851. -ported, that licenses be granted to the owners of Trucks, Wagon  
 Carts & -carts and Drays, from No. 1. to 1380 inclusive, for one year  
 licenses re. from July 1. next. Hackney Carriages, from 1. to 387, for the same  
 term - and Handcarts 1. to 264. for the same time.

Johnson The Committee on Public In-  
 School house. -struction, to whom was referred the order adopted by  
 the School Committee, in relation to the addition of reci-  
 -tation rooms to the Johnson School House. Report: That upon  
 an examination of the facts in the case, they are of  
 the opinion, that the proposed addition to the School house,  
 is not required at the present time. The Committee would  
 respectfully recommend to the City Council, the policy to  
 decline to make extensive alterations in any of the Gram-  
 -mar School Houses, until such alterations are either requir-  
 -ed for the accommodation of additional pupils, or by  
 such changes in the organization of the schools, as the  
 proper authorities shall direct. In their judgement it is  
 equally unwise and inexpedient to continue to alter the  
 Grammar School Houses to suit the three different plans  
 of School organization now in operation in the City. The  
 adoption of the same line of policy respecting alterations,  
 as has governed the City Council in relation to the erec-  
 -tion of new school houses within the past four years,  
 would not only save many thousand dollars of expendi-  
 -ture annually, but would also have a tendency to lead  
 to the adoption of a uniform consistent, and intelligent  
 course of action, on the subject of school organization

and instruction. The Committee regret to be compelled to 321  
state, that many of the School Houses in the City are June 30, 1851.  
not properly constructed and arranged for the different  
plans of organization now established in them. Many thou-  
sand dollars would be required to alter some of the build-  
ings which have been erected within the past ten years,  
to make them convenient and proper for the use to which  
they are now applied. The City Council in past years,  
have been more liberal in the appropriation of money for  
School houses, than cautious in the expenditure of the same.  
Much improvement in all that relates to schools and school  
houses, may reasonably be hoped from the new office of Su-  
perintendent of the Schools, from the increased attention given  
to the subject of School Architecture, and from the experience  
gained by the plan adopted in the erection and organization  
of the Chapman, Beekman, Hancock and Quincy Schools. For  
the Committee, Daniel N. Haskell. Accepted in Common Coun-  
cil. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The Common Council having School  
receded from its former vote respecting the Salaries of non resi- Teachers  
-dent School Teachers, and concurred in the action of this Salaries:  
board, with the following amendments. At "A." (as on page  
292. of this volume) Strike out the word "so" before modified in line  
2<sup>d</sup> of said minority report; and after "as" in the same line,  
insert these words: "In the opinion of the opinion of the City Coun-  
-cil, the interests of the public schools require, that all the  
teachers in the same should reside in the City and be in-  
-habitant; therefore, it is recommended to the School Com-



322 motion to make a rule prohibiting any teacher, elected by  
Sanctimon that said from residing out of the City unless for special  
reasons he shall be expressly permitted by a vote of said  
Committee to reside. Erase the words from "as to L. came  
up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Thacher.

Ordered That the sum of fifty  
seven dollars and twelve cents assessed upon the estate of  
George L. Thacher for his proportional part of the cost of con-  
structing the common sewer in First Street, be and the  
same is hereby abated, and it is further Ordered, that the  
said sum of fifty seven dollars and twelve cents, be and the  
same is hereby assessed upon the Fulton Iron Foundry Co. they  
being the owners of the estate, for their proportional part of  
the cost of constructing said common sewer.

Kingston  
Street

Ordered, That the Superinten-  
-dent of Common Sewers be, and he is hereby directed in  
making up the assessment for constructing the common  
sewer in Kingston Street, near Essex Street to reserve one  
half the cost of the same to be paid by the City, instead  
of one fourth as usual.

Broadway

Ordered, That the Superinten-  
-dent of Streets be authorized to pave Broadway, from Fido-  
to Street to C Street, and make the grade of the street and  
sidewalk to conform to the established grade of the street.

Washington  
Street

Ordered, That the Superinten-  
-dent of Streets in repairing Washington Street be authorized

to remove all posts and other obstructions from the sidewalk). 323

June 30. 1851.

On the petition of Elisha Kope- Kope land, and others, that the city would aid them in having Suffolk Street watered, between Dover and Waltham streets, the Committee on Laying out and Widening Streets reported the accompanying Order. Whereas the City are carting dirt and piling up land in the southern section of the City thereby occasioning a great deal of dust - it is therefore Ordered, that the sum of forty five dollars be appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expenses of watering Suffolk Street, between Dover Street and Waltham Street, and the same be charged to the appropriation for internal health. Read, accepted and the order passed.

On the petition of Henderson Inches Inches, and others, to have a sewer laid in Washington Street, between Cornhill and Court Street; - The Committee on Sewers & Drains report, that the prayer of the within petitioners be granted provided they will pay three fourths the expense of the deepening the common sewer. Billings Briggs, Chairman. Read and accepted.

The following named persons were nominated and appointed Special Police Officers from this date during the pleasure of the Mayor & Aldermen. viz. Nathan S. Weston Stephen T. Allen Horatio A. Alexander William Blake Dennis Brigham Charles C. Brett M. H. Bartlett Horace Bemis John Brazier Thomas W. Butler Marcena S. Brown John E. Bartlett John F. Beckwith Stephen Burton Aaron B. Babcock Abiram J. Bellis Lucius A. Bean James T. Burns.



324. Quarters P. Beaman. James Curtis. Charles G. Crockett. Ben R.  
Currier. John Goudry. Ansell Carr. James Chambers. Eden H.  
Gurling. Thomas Lollitzer. Isaac Lodge. Frederick H. Muntar.  
Adam B. James. William H. Lural. Albert H. Soliver.  
J. H. Leonard. James Edwards. John H. Evans. Jesse Fowler.  
Samuel Fry. Moses F. Gore. George H. Gerry. Lucius P. Hayward.  
Joseph Miller. George H. Hale. Horatio A. Huston. Barzillai  
Hinds. Cyrus G. Howard. Miram Hall. Richard Horca. Jr.  
Robert G. Jones. Peter Jones. Joseph G. Jenkins. Benjamin C. Joyce.  
David H. Jones. George Johnson. David E. King. Lafayette Kim-  
ball. George T. Lewis. William Lincoln. Samuel G. Lord. John  
Gambel Winslow. T. Gilchfield. George F. Leonard. Asael Loring.  
J. G. Munroe. H. More. J. P. Merrill. Eben Mitchell. Watson C. Maye.  
Nathan Maye. L. G. Mudgett. Jacob Nurse. Joseph H. Parker. Daniel  
Riested. Ben H. Rantice. Joseph Pierce. Sumner Pennell. G. Phil-  
brick. Thomas Fetter. Albert Robinson. Harry C. Rice. Smith M.  
Rogers. William H. Sumner. George H. Southworth. John C. Spurr.  
Albert Sleeper. Nahum Smith. F. G. Studley. Gorham Saunders.  
Cyrus Small. Richard Savory. Thomas Tucker. Durin G. Tinker.  
Edward W. Tuttle. Benjamin Varley. Edward W. Vose. Eburn F.  
Wentworth. J. M. Welch. Andrew T. Wingate. Simon York.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock P. M.

At a meeting of the board 325  
of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City  
Hall on Monday the Seventh day of July Anno Domini 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Kimball

Petition of the Second Union Second  
School Society to be paid for land taken to widen School Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets. Society.

Petition of Nichols Litchfield, Litchfield.  
and others, to have a common sewer laid in Cutaw Street, so  
as to abate a nuisance near the Chapman School house. Refer-  
red to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of F. W. R. Emery, to have Emery  
the common sewer in Pearl Street extended. Referred to  
the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of Howes and Hendley, Howes & al.  
and others, to have a common sewer laid from Maverick  
to Decatur streets. Referred to the Committee on Sewers &  
Drains

Petition of William A. Patten & Patten  
George A. Patten, complaining of Jonas Shalton and sundry  
members of the Police, wherefore the petitioners request a hear-  
ing. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.



The following persons were  
 July 7. 1851. nominated and appointed as Auctioneers, and their  
 Auctioneers bonds appeared, vizt: James Tucker Jr., Whitcomb & Peaver,  
 Orgood & Frost, Clark & Hatch, John Tyler, John Tyler, Junr.  
 Richard Miller, Townsend & Hallard, A. T. Thompson, Her-  
 sey & Lacey, Lewis G. Mitchell, David Hull, B. J. Evans;  
 William C. Murdock, Gideon Beck, and E. F. Hull & Co.

Weed. Petition of Samuel Weed and  
 Collier. Joseph H. Collier, to be re-instated as Watchmen. Referred  
 to the Committee on Licenses.

Skeele Edwin A. Skeele was licensed to  
 sell fireworks, by the wholesale only.

Howe. Pursuant to notice given, J. C.  
 Adams. Howe and Benjamin Adams appeared and objected to  
 the proposed widening of Federal and Atkinson streets,  
 and after a hearing of the parties, the subject was re-  
 committed to the Committee on laying out and widening  
 Streets.

Torrey. Due notice having been given to  
 Sumner. S. Torrey, and others, to abate a nuisance on Gough street;  
 and to William H. Sumner, and others, to abate a nuisance  
 between London and Liverpool streets, these subjects were  
 referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Dunham. On the petition of Josiah Dunham,  
 Swallow. and others, that Broadway be paved from Turnpike to B.  
 streets, the Committee reported, that no further action is necessary.

and upon the petition of Calvin Swallow, and others, that 327.  
crossing stones be placed across Charlestown street, the Com. July 7. 1851.  
Committee reported to the same effect. Read and accepted.

Whereas it appears to this Vermont Board that a certain parcel of land situated between Webster and Centre Streets and also a certain parcel of land situated between Centre and Marginal Streets, and belonging to the Vermont Central Rail Road Company are in a state of nuisance and dangerous to the health of the inhabitants; it is therefore Ordered, that a notice in writing be given to the said Corporation by a notice to their Treasurer, Josiah Quincy Jr. Esq. that they cause the nuisance existing on said premises and consisting of filthy and stagnant water to be removed within fifteen days from this date, by draining and filling the same with good clean gravel.

Ordered, That there be paid Cummings & Sons Cummings & Smith the balance due them on their contract for building the new jail for the County of Suffolk, they having complied with the terms of said contract and to the satisfaction of the Mayor and Aldermen. We hereby certify that Messrs Cummings & Smith have fulfilled the terms of their contract for building the new jail for the County of Suffolk. Gridley S. Bryant Architect. James M. - - - - -  
Public Buildings.

Ordered, That the Mayor Haymarket be requested to cause to be removed all the Hay Carts, Square and all other vehicles that have usually made a stand



528 in Baymarket Square for the sale of any article, to the  
July 1851 North side of Canal Street, between Causeway and Market  
Streets. and the Mayor is further authorized to make such  
alteration and improvement in the Square as shall be  
found necessary, and the expense be charged to the ap-  
propriation for Paving.

Canal  
Street. Ordered, That the Superinten-  
dent of Streets be authorized to pave Canal Street from  
Causeway Street to Market Street, and make such altera-  
tion in the grade of the street, and width and grade of the  
sidewalks as shall be found necessary.

Cambridge  
Street. Ordered, That the Superintendent  
of Streets be authorized to relay the sidewalk on the south  
side of Cambridge Street from Beau-doin to Temple Street, and  
make such alteration in the width and grade as shall  
be found necessary.

Goodwin.  
School Street. Resolved, That the safety and con-  
venience of the Inhabitants of this city require that School  
Street should be widened and for that purpose it is neces-  
sary to take and lay out as a public street or way of the  
said City, a parcel of land belonging to William F. Goodwin,  
bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at the South westerly corner  
of the same, at a point on the easterly side of Chapman Place,  
and on a line drawn straight from a point thirty six feet  
from the South easterly corner of the Stone Chapel, (measuring  
southwardly from, and at right angles to the south side  
of said Chapel) to the front line of house numbered 18. and  
20 on the south side of School Street; thence easterly on

said decreed line nineteen feet and eighty seven hun- 329  
-dredths of a foot to land of Dr. E. A. Bemis; thence Northward July 7, 1851  
-ly on and by said Bemis' land, three feet to said Street;  
thence Westwardly along the southerly line of said Street, nine  
-teen feet and eighty seven hundredths of a foot, to Chapman  
Place; and thence along the easterly side of said Place,  
three feet to the point of beginning; containing fifty nine  
square feet and thirty one hundredths of a square foot  
more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the  
intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for  
the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto an-  
-nexed. It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before  
described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out  
as a public street or way of the said City - according to a  
plan of the said taking made by E. L. Chishrough dated March  
29<sup>th</sup> 1851. and deposited in the Office of the said Mayor and  
Aldermen

Whereas this Board, by a Goodwin  
Resolve passed this day has taken a certain parcel of School and  
land, therein described, lying on School Street and laid  
out the same as a public street or way of said City, it is  
therefore Ordered, That due notice be given to William F.  
Goodwin all other persons interested as owners, proprietors,  
tenants, occupants, or otherwise, in said land that they  
cut off, pull down, remove and carry away all buildings,  
erections and obstructions of every sort standing on and  
projecting over the line of said School Street as estab-  
-lished by the Resolve aforesaid, or, move and set back  
the same to the said lines and vacate and surrender



330. the land and premises taken as aforesaid on or before the  
July 7, 1851 twenty eighth day of July instant now next ensuing. And  
in default thereof, the City Marshal is hereby directed and  
empowered forthwith to enter upon said land and cause  
all buildings, erections and obstructions standing on  
and projecting over the lines of said School street, as  
established by the Order aforesaid, to be cut off, pulled  
down, removed and carried away, or to be moved and  
set back to said line, and the said land to be vaca-  
-ted and surrendered under the direction of the Commit-  
-tee on laying out and widening streets.

Brigham

The Committee on Paving, to  
whom was referred the petition of William Brigham and  
others, to have Harrison Avenue raised, reported leave to  
withdraw. Read and accepted.

Hennessey

The Committee on Sewers & Drains,  
to whom was referred the petition of Richard Hennessey,  
to have a common sewer laid in Webster street, reported,  
that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.  
Read and accepted.

Molden

vs. Town

The Committee on Paving re-  
ported leave to withdraw on the petition of Molden vs. Town  
to remove a wooden building. Read and accepted.

Auditor of

Accounts

The ballots being taken for Audi-  
tor of Accounts, it appeared that Elisha Copeland was  
elected in concurrence with the Common Council.

Whereas a Resolve, taking 331.

a parcel of land from Levi A. Dowley on High and Pearl July 7. 1851.  
Streets and laying out the same as a public street or High  
way of the said City, was passed on the ninth day of June & Pearl St.  
last and it appears that the description of said land Dowley.  
by metes and bounds was, in certain particulars, erroneous  
and imperfect - it is therefore hereby Resolved that the said  
Resolve of June ninth is hereby reconsidered, cancelled &  
made void and of no effect, and instead thereof, it is hereby,  
also Resolved, that the safety and convenience of the  
inhabitants of this City require that High and Pearl  
streets should be widened and for that purpose it is  
necessary to take, and lay out as a public street, or  
way of the said City a parcel of land belonging to Levi  
A. Dowley bounded as follows: viz. Beginning at the  
Southwesterly corner of said premises, at a point on the  
easterly side of Pearl street thence northeasterly three  
feet and five hundredths of a foot along the boundary  
line between said Dowley and land formerly of Higginfield;  
thence northwardly on a straight line towards the sub-  
-westerly corner of the Quincy Block, about one hundred  
and fifteen feet and two hundredths of a foot to the sub-  
-easterly side of High Street; thence southeasterly along  
the southeasterly side of High street to Pearl street, a  
distance of about six feet and thirty six hundredths of a foot;  
thence along the easterly side of Pearl street, a distance  
of one hundred and thirteen feet and twenty five  
hundredths of a foot to the point of beginning; containing  
four hundred and eighty four square feet and ninety



332. two hundredths of a square foot, more or less. And as to  
July 7 1851 - or this beginning at the northeasterly corner of the  
above described strip, thence northeasterly along the  
southeasterly side of High Street about one hundred and  
five feet and eighty hundredths of a foot to Hartford Place;  
thence easterly along the easterly side of Hartford  
Place four feet and three hundredths of a foot; thence easterly  
westwardly on a straight line, about one hundred and  
four feet and sixty four hundredths of a foot to the point  
of beginning; containing two hundred and three square  
feet and thirteen hundredths of a square foot more or  
less. And whereas due notice has been given of the intention  
of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose  
aforesaid as appears by the return herewith annexed, It is  
therefore Ordered that the parcel of land before described be,  
and the same hereby is taken and laid out as a public  
street or way of the said City, according to a plan of the  
said premises made by E. G. Westborough dated June 9<sup>th</sup> 1851  
and deposited in the office of the said Mayor & Aldermen.

Dorsey. Whereas this Board, by a Re-  
solved that we have passed this day has taken a certain parcel of land,  
situate between described lying on High and Park Streets and laid  
out the same as a public street or way of said City, it is  
therefore Ordered, that due notice be given to L. A. Dorsey  
and all other persons interested as owners, proprietors, tenants,  
occupants or otherwise in said land that they cut off, pull  
down, remove and carry away all buildings, erections and  
obstructions of every sort standing on and projecting over

the line of said Pearl and High streets, as established by 333.  
the Reserve aforesaid, or may and set back the same to July 7 1851.  
the said line, and vacate and surrender the land and  
premises taken as aforesaid on or before the fourteenth day  
of July instant, now next ensuing, and in default thereof,  
the City Marshal is hereby directed and empowered forth-  
with to enter upon said land and cause all buildings,  
erections and obstructions standing on and projecting over  
the line of said Pearl and High streets, as established by  
the Reserve aforesaid, to be cut off, pulled down, removed and  
carried away, or to be moved and set back to said line,  
and the said land to be vacated and surrendered under  
the direction of the Committee on laying out and widening  
streets.

Whereas it appears that Dowley  
the order to pay Levi A. Dowley for land taken to widen High  
and Pearl streets the sum of two thousand two hundred  
& sixty two dollars, passed June twenty third last, was erro-  
neous, in consequence of a miscalculation in the num-  
ber of feet belonging to the same, it is therefore Ordered  
that the said Order of June twenty third is hereby recon-  
sidered, cancelled and made void and of no effect; and,  
instead thereof, it is hereby, also, Ordered, that there be  
paid to Levi A. Dowley, aforesaid, the sum of One thousand  
nine hundred and ninety five  $\frac{30}{100}$  dollars for land  
taken to widen High and Pearl Street upon his giving  
to the City a deed for the same, and an acquittance  
and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in con-  
sequence of said taking and that the same be charged



334. to the appropriation for laying out and widening streets.

July 7. 1851.

Physicians

The quarterly reports of the City and Port Physicians were read and sent down.

Marble

The Committee on Ordinances to whom was referred by the order of the City Council a May 29<sup>th</sup> the subject of reporting an ordinance regulating the survey and admeasurement of Marble, in conformity with an Act passed at the recent session of the Legislature, Report: That they have given the subject a very careful and thorough examination, and propose instead of reporting an ordinance establishing a new office, and imposing fines, restrictions and expenses upon the sale of marble, to report the facts in the case, in order that the members of the City Council may fully understand the matter. The Committee have waited upon those of our fellow citizens engaged in the importation, sale and manufacturing of marble, and with two exceptions, the uniform testimony of these persons was, that no new provisions of law regulating the survey of the article were required. The Committee learn that the amount of marble directly imported into this City is so limited, that by establishing a fee of one and a half cents a foot, at which rate a competent surveyor could earn from thirty to forty dollars a day, the total yearly income of the office, would not exceed the small sum of two hundred dollars. Your Committee could not learn that any case of fraud or litigation had ever arisen, respecting the measure or

present method by which marble is sold in this City. In 335  
view of the above facts, aside from the general inexperience - July 7, 1851.  
of imposing needless restrictions upon the sale of  
articles of merchandise, the Committee recommend that  
no ordinance be adopted which shall regulate the sur-  
vey and admeasurement of Marble in this City. And  
they ask to be discharged from the further consideration of  
the subject. For the Committee Daniel N. Haskell. Accepted  
in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and  
concurred.

The Committee on Public Dwight  
Instruction to whom was referred the order adopted by the School  
School Committee April 22<sup>d</sup> in relation to alterations and House  
repairs in the Dwight School House, Report: That the altera-  
-tions in said School House, are required, in order that  
it may accommodate the pupils connected therewith. When  
the building was finished, the rooms in the lower story were  
finished off in a manner suitable for their use by Primary  
Schools. The erection of a new structure in the vicinity,  
except for the use of the Primary Schools, has caused the  
removal of those schools from the Dwight School House, the  
alterations now contemplated, are required for the new  
use to which the rooms are to be applied. The Committee  
recommend the passage of the annexed order. For the Com-  
-mittee, Daniel N. Haskell. Ordered, That the Committee  
on Public Buildings be authorized and directed, to cause  
the alterations to be made in the Dwight School House, as  
petitioned for by the School Committee, and that they be  
further directed to furnish the new School rooms in said



336. house, with single desks and seats, and to make such  
July 7, 1851 partition in the upper rooms in the building, as the Sub-  
committee of the School shall desire. Accepted in Com-  
mon Council and the order passed. Came up for concu-  
rence. Read and concurred.

Tyler On the petition of John S. Tyler,  
and others the卫chuluate Water Board reported, that the  
petitioners have leave to use the Hydrant in Dover street  
for the purposes prayed for. Accepted. Sent down for concu-  
rence. Came up concurred.

Institutions Ordered, That the Committee  
at Boston on Institutions at South Boston and Deer Island, consider  
and Deer and report whether the interest of the Institutions at  
Island. South Boston require the employment of three or more Phys-  
icians to the same, and if not, what action is necessary  
on the part of the Government in regard to the same. Passed  
in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and  
concurred.

Public The Joint Standing Committee  
Lands on Public Lands under the order passed February 6, 1851,  
requiring Committees to make Statements of expenditures  
made under their direction, submitted their report, which  
was ordered to be printed; and is City Document No. 47. The  
committee recommend the passage of the accompanying Or-  
der, the same being necessary to the fulfilment of existing  
contracts. Ordered, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby  
authorized to borrow under the direction of the Committee  
of Finance the sum of fifty thousand dollars, and that  
the same be added to the appropriation for Public Lands.

Passed in Common Council. Yeas 35. Nays, none. Came up 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
for concurrence. On passing the above order, the yeas and nays July 7 1851  
being required, were taken as follows, viz: Yeas. The Mayor,  
Aldermen Rogers, Briggs, Grant, Munroe, Clark, Holbrook, and  
Smith 8. Nays, none. So said order passed in concurrence.

The Common Council having Stables  
nonconcurred with this board, in the acceptance of an Act & Breeding  
respecting Stables and Breeding Horses, upon a motion made, Messrs.  
Aldermen Rogers, Briggs and Grant were appointed a Com-  
mittee of Conference to confer with such Committee which may  
be appointed by the Common Council, relative to the subject  
matter of difference between the two boards. Sent down for  
concurrence. Came up concurred, and the Common Council  
appointed on its part, Messrs. Kendall, Holden and Jewell.

Ordered, That the joint select Telegraph  
Committee who have charge of the Common on Telegraph Hill.  
hill, cause a fence to be made around the Water Reservoir  
grounds on said hill, so as to complete and finish the ellip-  
sis in a uniform manner; provided the locate Water  
Board consents to the same. Sent down for concurrence.  
Came up concurred.

Ordered, That the thanks of Orator.  
the City Council be presented to the Honorable Charles Tre-  
dore Russell, for the able, eloquent and very interesting  
Oration delivered by him before the Municipal Authorities,  
at the recent celebration of the Declaration of American  
Independence. And that he be requested to furnish a



538. copy of said Creation for publication. Sent down for consideration of the Committee. Came up concurred.

Wheat.

Petition of James Wheat, and

Wheat. of Walter Wheat for leave to remove wooden buildings. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

New England

Petition of New England

Carriage & Carriage Company, for permission to lay water pipes from the River to their Factory, crossing Northampton Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Tyler

Petition of John Tyler, junr to

have the South Congregational Society remove obstructions from East Castle Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Perkins

Petition of Samuel S. Perkins,

for leave to construct a coal hole under the Winthrop House, in Boylston Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Adjourned to Monday next four o'clock, P. M.

At a meeting of the Board of  
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City  
Hall on Monday the Fourteenth day of July, Anno Domini, 1851

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Alderman Kimball.

Petition of Charles C. Conley offer-  
ing to purchase a lot of land, at the corner of Dorchester  
and Seventh streets. Referred to the Committee on Public  
Lands. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Grand Jury's report for the six  
months ending June 30, 1851. Read and placed on file.

Order of the Common Council  
referring the application of A. B. Shedd and another to purchase  
the water logs on the marsh northwesterly of Tremont Road  
to the Committee on Public Lands. Came up for concur-  
rence. Read and concurred.

Order of the School Commit-  
tee respecting the School Festival. Read and placed on  
file.

The Superintendent of Com-  
mon Sewers presented the schedule of the cost of constructing  
the common sewer in Kingston street. Referred to the Com-  
mittee on Sewers & Drains.

The quarterly report of the  
City Marshal to June 30, 1851, of crimes committed &c. read and  
ordered to be printed and sent down



Petition of James Boynton,  
July 14, 1851 and others, to have Alexander and Norwich Street, filled  
Boynton up and graded. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Sanger

Petition of Henry Sanger, and  
others to have Meridian Street repaired, as to abate a nuis-  
-ance in said street, caused by stagnant water. Referred  
to the Committee on Internal Health.

Howard

Petition of Alvin Howard,  
and others, to have a horse carriage placed near the easterly  
end of the South Tree bridge. Referred to the Committee on the  
Fire Department.

Suttler

Petition of Hubert Suttler for a  
license to exhibit panoramas. Referred to the Committee on  
Licenses.

Haskins

Petition of Ralph Haskins, and  
others, to have Cuts removed from Tremont Square. Referred  
to the Committee on Licenses.

Dorchester

Petition of the Dorchester Turn-  
-pike Corporation, for liberty to repair temporarily, the most de-  
-fective part of Turnpike Street. Referred to the Committee  
on Paving.

Forster

Petition of Jacob Forster & others,  
that the sidewalks in Haverhill Street, may be relaid. Re-  
-ferred to the Committee on Paving.

Calhoun

Petition of William H. Calhoun,  
and others to have the sidewalk on Webster Street laid, agree-  
-ably to a former order. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of James A. Lincoln. 311

for leave to construct coal holes under the side walk N<sup>o</sup> 52. July 14. 1851.  
West Cedar street, Also to open two windows. Referred to the Com. Lincoln  
Committee on Paving.

Petition of William Bell, to Bell

be remunerated the damage he has sustained in consequence  
of the taking down the building adjoining Seckay's building  
he being left under the city. Referred to the Committee on  
Paving.

Petition of Gmyn Brewster, & Brewster

others, to have the side walk, below the Chapel, in Pitts street,  
widened, Also to have the order of April 14. 1851. carried into  
effect. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Warren Ellis & others. Ellis.

lessees and occupants of cellars and stalls in Faneuil Hall Faneuil Hall  
Market House, to have drains constructed to carry off the Market  
waste water from said cellars. Referred to the Committee on  
the Market.

Petition of Solomon Piper, and Piper

others, to have Sea street lighted with gas. Referred to the  
Committee on Lamps.

Petition of Jonas Fitch, & others, Fitch

to have a gas lamp placed and lighted in Bedford street  
near the corner of Kingston street. Referred to the Committee  
on Lamps.

On the petitions of Walter Bryant Bryant.

& of James Brown, for leave to remove wooden building. the committee Brown.  
reported that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. Read & accepted.



On the petition of John Odin,  
 July 14, 1851. Jan<sup>r</sup> the Committee on Public Buildings reported, that no  
 'Odin' further action is required thereon. Read and accepted.  
 Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Perkins. The Committee on Paving,  
 Messinger. reported leave to S. G. Perkins, to construct coal holes in Boylston  
 street, and to George W. Messinger in Washington street,  
 near Avery street. Read and accepted.

Fire The board of Engineers of the  
 Department. Fire Department, presented to this board a new code of  
 Rules and Regulations of said department, which were  
 read and approved.

Rainsford Ordered, That Messrs. Smith, Wright  
 Gland and Richards, with such as the Mayor and Aldermen  
 might join, be a Committee with full powers to make  
 arrangements for the annual visit of the City Council to  
 Rainsford Gland, and that the expense thereof be charged  
 to Incidental expenses and Miscellaneous claims. Passed  
 in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read, concurred  
 and Aldermen Holbrook and Smith were joined.

Auctioneer The bond of Wales Tucker was  
 approved, and he was licensed as an Auctioneer for the  
 year ensuing.

Ward No 2 Order of the Common Council,  
 that the joint standing Committee on Public Buildings be  
 authorized to make such alterations in the Watch and

Engine house on Davis street, East Boston, as shall be found necessary to furnish a Ward room for Ward No 2 as contemplated by the appropriation bill, and as contemplated by the plan herewith submitted. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Order of the Common Council - Fire  
cit, that the Committee on Public Building be authorized and directed, to assign such rooms for the reception of the necessary apparatus for the Telegraphic fire alarm, as upon consultation with the committee on the erection of the same, shall be found suitable for that purpose. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of this City require that Cross street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to Mrs Williams - bounded as follows, viz: beginning at the Southwesterly corner of said premises, at a point on the Northern side of a passage way between the estates of Mrs Williams and James Hendley, and two feet and eighty two hundredths of a foot from the Westerly side of Cross street measuring along the Northern side of said passage way; thence Northwesterly on a line drawn straight from a point, eighty two hundredths of a foot west from the Northern corner of the brick building on the Southerly corner of Cross and Ganzer streets to the Northwesterly corner of the new brick building on the westerly corner of Cross and Ann streets, a distance of about

Cross street.  
Williams



344. forty feet and thirty five hundredths of a foot to land of J. Sanford;  
July 14, 1851. thence Northwesterly on and by land of said Sanford, a distance  
of one foot and sixty seven hundredths of a foot to the Northwest-  
erly line of Cross Street; thence Southeastwardly along said  
Northwesterly line of Cross Street, a distance of about forty  
feet and thirty three hundredths of a foot; thence Southwesterly  
along the Northerly side of the above mentioned passageway,  
a distance of two feet and eighty two hundredths of a foot  
to the point of beginning: containing Ninety square feet  
and fifty four hundredths of a square foot, more or less. And  
Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this  
Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid  
as appears by the return herunto annexed, It is therefore Order-  
ed, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same  
hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of  
the said City - according to a plan of the said premises made  
by E. J. Whetstone dated June 28<sup>th</sup> 1851. and deposited in the  
Office of the said Mayor and Aldermen.

Williams. Whereas this Board, by a Resolve  
Cross Street passed this day has taken a certain parcel of land, therein  
described, lying on Cross Street and laid out the same as  
a public street or way of said City, it is therefore Ordered,  
That due notice be given to Moses Williams and all other  
persons interested as owners, proprietors, tenants, occupants,  
or otherwise, in said land that they cut off, pull down, remove  
and carry away all buildings, erections and obstructions  
of every sort standing on and projecting over the line of said  
Cross Street, as established by the Resolve aforesaid, or, move

and set back the same to the said line, and vacate and sur- 345.  
-render the land and premises taken as aforesaid on or before July 14, 1851.  
the first day of August now next ensuing. And in default  
thereof, the City Marshal is hereby directed and empowered  
forthwith to enter upon said land and cause all buildings,  
erections and obstructions standing on and projecting over the  
line of said cross street, as established by the resolve aforesaid,  
to be cut off, pulled down, removed and carried away, or to  
be moved and set back to said line, and the said land to  
be vacated and surrendered under the direction of the  
Committee on laying out and widening streets.

The Committee on Internal Taxes, Atkins,  
Health reported, that no further action is required on the peti- Peazie.  
-tions of D. G. James, John Atkins, Jerome B. Peazie and George Ogden Tracy.  
Ogden and also in the matter of J. Tracy, and others. Read and  
accepted.

Whereas this Board, by a Resolve Daggett.  
passed the fifth day of May last took a certain parcel of Washington  
land, therein described, lying on Washington Street and said Street.  
out the same as a public street or way of said city, it is there-  
-fore Ordered, That due notice be given to Milton Daggett,  
tenant, and all other persons interested as owners, proprietors,  
tenants, occupants, or otherwise, in said land that they cut  
off, pull down, remove and carry away all buildings, erections  
and obstructions of every sort standing on and projecting  
over the line of said Washington Street, as established by  
the Resolve aforesaid, or, move and set back the same to  
the said line, and vacate and surrender the land and



346. premises taken as aforesaid on or before the first day of August 14, 1851 - just now next ensuing. And in default thereof the City Marshal is hereby directed and empowered forthwith to enter upon said land and cause all buildings, erections and obstructions standing on and projecting over the line of said Washington Street, as established by the Petition aforesaid to be cut off, pulled down, removed and carried away, or to be moved and set back to said line, and the said land to be vacated and surrendered under the direction of the Committee on laying out and widening Streets.

Washington  
Street.

Ordered, That the City Mar-

shal be directed to notify the owners and abutters on Washington Street, from Waltham to Northampton Street to cause their sidewalks to be paved with bricks or flat stones and to cause the same to be done within twenty days, according to Law.

Ivers

Ordered, That the Superin-

Street.

tendent of Streets be authorized to repair Ivers Street, and make such alterations in the grade and width of the sidewalks as may be found necessary.

Advertising

Ordered, That the Committee on

Printing be directed to advertise in all the daily papers and in the South Boston Gazette and East Boston Ledger, for proposals to do the City Advertising; and that the eight papers which shall agree to do the same on the lowest terms, be the papers in which all the City Advertising shall be inserted during the present financial year. Passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

who were directed by the order adopted by the City Council July 14. 1851. - at on March 6<sup>th</sup> to make each month a statement of all Bills submitted to them which they do not see fit to approve" unapproved report: That since the adoption of the order, they have not been able till the present time, to conform to the rule therein prescribed as many bills which were before them were referred to sub-committees for the purpose of instituting inquiries in relation to the authority under which they were incurred. The Committee have been considerate and cautious in their use of the great powers conferred upon them in the Ordinance, under which act, before they made a "final decision" in any case, they have endeavored to obtain all the light upon the subject which was possible. They have called upon the City Solicitor for legal advice in a number of instances and have obtained a written opinion from him in relation to the legal construction of the Ordinance "Relating to City Officers" passed Dec<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1850. The Solicitor decided, that members of the Grammar and Primary School Boards, and the Overseers of the Poor, were not interdicted from making contracts with or sales to the city. The Committee have rejected two bills from the Police Department, viz: Mads & Whitons bill for repairs amounting to \$47.04. and a bill for printing handbills by Messrs J. H. & J. F. Furwell \$12.50 which should be paid by the parties by whose order they were procured. The following bills have been rejected under the Ordinance "Relating to City Officers" as the parties to whom they are due come within the operation of the first section thereof - Thomas Reticau's Bill \$ 228.28



348.	John G. Loring's	79.02
July 14, 1851.	Thomas Sprague's	22.00
	Smith & Tarbell's	<u>2.00</u>
	Total	\$ 331.30

The Committee have now bills suspended and referred to Sub-Committee which amount to upwards of a thousand dollars upon which a final decision will soon be had. To most of the bills suspended which conflict with the provisions of the Ordinance of Decr 23<sup>rd</sup> we were incurred through inadvertence, the Committee would recommend that a vote be passed by the City Council ordering their payment they have therefore appended an order to this report. In the Committee, Daniel S. Haskell. Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to apprise the Auditor to pass and the Treasurer to pay, to Messrs Thomas Testicau, John G. Loring & Thomas Sprague and Smith & Tarbell, the several bills now due them amounting in all to the sum of three hundred thirty one \$<sup>00</sup> dollars. Filed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Auditor's  
annual  
report

Ordered, That the Auditor of Accounts be and he hereby is authorized to cause to be printed and distributed for the information of the inhabitants of the City, Three thousand five hundred copies of the Auditor's thirty ninth Annual Report, being an account of the Receipts and Expenditures for the year 1850-51, together with copies of the Treasurer's Accounts for the same year. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Draw.  
Adm. Secy

Whereas, by an order passed by the Board on the twenty third day of June last, it was de-

declared that certain privies situated on Auburn Court on an estate owned by Joseph Drew was so constructed that the inside of the same is less than two feet distant from the line of the adjoining estate, is not tight, and is in a state of nuisance, and dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, and it was then and thereby ordered that notice in writing be given to said Drew to cause the said nuisance then existing on said premises and consisting of said privies and their contents to be removed within fourteen days from the day of the date of said order by causing a proper and sufficient privy to be constructed that shall not on the inside thereof be less than two feet distant from the line of the adjoining lot: And whereas it appears that due notice was given to said Drew pursuant to said order, and that the said Drew has neglected to cause the said nuisance to be removed, and that the same still remains a nuisance as before; and whereas the said term of fourteen days has expired: it is therefore Ordered, That the City Marshal be and he is hereby directed to cause the said nuisance to be removed forthwith, by causing a proper and sufficient privy to be constructed on said premises which shall on the inside thereof be not less than two feet distant from the line of the adjoining lot at the expense of the said Drew.

Ordered, That there be paid Thomas  
to Alexander Thomas, U.S. the sum of Two hundred ninety seven dollars for land taken to widen Burnett Street upon his giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the



350 Same be charged to the appropriation for laying out  
July 14, 1851 and widening Streets.

Haverhill

Ordered, That due notice be given

street.

that this Board will, on Monday next, at four o'clock,  
shall take into consideration the expediency of constructing  
a common sewer in Haverhill Street and of assessing the  
expense thereof on all persons who may enter their particular  
Trains into such common Sewer, or who by any more remote  
means shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person making  
objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

Montreal

Railway

The Mayor offered the following  
preamble and Resolved. Whereas it is understood that the  
line of Railways uniting the Cities of Montreal and Boston  
will be completed during the present month and Whereas it  
is deemed that an event so important should be appropriately  
celebrated. Therefore Resolved, That the whole Board of  
Mayor and Aldermen, with such as the Common Council  
may join, be a Committee with full power to consider and  
report what action shall be taken by the City Government  
of Boston in the premises. Sent down for concurrence. Came up  
concurred, and the President of the Common Council, - and  
Messrs Hearn of Ward 1. Allen, Ward 2. Barstow, Ward 3. Gard-  
ner, Ward 4. Deal, Ward 5. Putnam, Ward 6. Gere, Ward 7.  
Haskell, Ward 8. Thompson Ward 9. & Lincoln, Ward 10. Minot.  
Ward 11. and Dunham, Ward 12. were joined.

Faneuil

The Committee on

Hall

Market

Faneuil Hall Market ask attention to the present state of  
that valuable property. The buying and repairing the cellars

will soon be finished, and the gas light fixtures improved by 351  
renewal of that part which has decayed, the cost of all July 14, 1851.  
which it is hoped will come within the sum appropriated for  
the repairs &c. The experiment made of arranging the great  
number of waggons in South Market Street and receiving pay  
for the various stands has been successful in giving accom-  
modation for the sale of provisions to a numerous class of  
persons, who are well satisfied with the new arrangement.  
The income from the new stands the first year is \$10,400, a  
larger sum than was anticipated when an estimate was  
made. The crowded state of the Market, the constant ap-  
plication for stands, and the very favourable result of the  
new system of renting stands in the street, have led the  
Committee to consider the subject of erecting in South Market  
Street a suitable building from the outside of the side walk,  
extending out about 30 feet and the whole length of the  
Market house, or nearly so. Such a building will furnish  
yet more accommodation, which is wanted, be more comforta-  
ble for the occupants, protecting them from the weather, and en-  
able the bulk of the Market to remove all the cart and  
waggons which so encumber the street and to keep every thing  
in better order. It is important is the subject considered that plans  
and estimates have been made, and it is believed that the  
income from the stands, will in one year pay for the cost  
of the new building. Your Committee are unanimously of  
the opinion, that the present time is the best to complete the  
improvements proposed and render the Market more conveni-  
ent, much more valuable and to produce a better income.  
Accompanying this is a plan of the present Market House,



352. with the proposed additional building, also an order for carrying out the plan. M. Grant, for the Committee. Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings in consultation with the Committee on the Market be and they are hereby authorized to erect a one story wooden building on the South side of the present Market building and adjoining the sidewalk of the same, for the better accommodation of persons for the sale of provisions agreeably to a report and plan this day submitted by the Committee on Faneuil Hall Market, and that the Committee on Finance be directed to borrow a sum not exceeding Twelve thousand dollars for this purpose. Aul. accepted and the order passed. In the question of passing the above order, the yeas and nays being required were taken as follows, viz: Yeas - The Mayor, Aldermen Rogers, Briggs, Grant, Feltrock, Munroe Clark and Smith, eight; Nays, none. Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P. M.

At a meeting of the board 353.

of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the Twenty first day of July, A.D. 1851.

Present.

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Rogers, Hollbrook and Smith.

A message was received from Common the Common Council, that they had elected John S. Putnam, Council  
Eld of Ward 6. President pro tempore, - Also, that Mr. Kimball Montreal  
of Ward 10. be added to the Committee to make arrangements Rail Road  
for the celebration of the opening of the lines of Railways unit-  
ing Montreal and Boston. Read and placed on file.

Ordered, That Messrs. James Faneuil  
Smith, Peter Thompson and Kimball, be a Committee with Hall  
such as the Board of Aldermen may join to consider the Market  
subject of the proposed erection of a temporary wooden building  
on the South side of Faneuil Hall Market and to report  
whether the same be necessary also to inquire whether  
any and what changes are required in the regulation  
of the sale of provisions within the City and whether any  
and what regulations are required to prevent the alleged  
evil of freestalling; and that said Committee further consider  
the expediency of applying to the Legislature, at its next  
annual session, for power to sell all the property belonging to  
the City lying between North and South Market Streets, and  
known as the Faneuil Hall Market, provided a satisfactory  
offer can be obtained therefor. Came up for concurrence. Read  
and concurred; and the Committee on the Market, & Aldermen  
Rogers & Briggs were joined.



The remonstrances of J. D. and Williams. A. Williams, and others and of Robert M. Morse and Co. and Morse others against the proposed addition to Faneuil Hall Market. Faneuil Hall referred in Common Council to the foregoing Committee concerning said building &c. came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Bryant. Petition of Bryant and Clark,  
Beverly St. and others, to have Beverly street laid out and completed. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Auctioneers The bonds of Stephen Brown, and Sons and of Leonard and Pierce were appraised, and they were appointed Auctioneers.

East Boston Petition of the East Boston Iron  
Gas Co. and Gas Company, also of Henry Jones and others, to have a nuisance abated at East Boston, occasioned by drains and also by the exorbitant water which is kept constantly running. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Wallis Petition of Levi Wallis, and others, to have Washington street, between Essex and New street, repaved with granite blocks. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Hahn Petition of Jacob Hahn, for leave to remove a wooden building in East Boston. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Hillman. Petition of George Hillman, and others, to have the avenue leading from Prince street to Copps hill repaved, and to have Prince street lighted with gas. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Ordered, That Messrs. Haskell, 355.

Alinot and Allen, with such as the Mayor and Aldermen July 21. 1851.  
may join, be a Committee to prepare and report to the City Council, such facts in relation to the different classes of population the population in the city, based upon the census taken by order of the City Council the last year, as may afford information upon the subject of the births, marriages and deaths among the native and foreign population, and that said Committee have leave to report in print. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and laid on the table.

The board of Mayor & Aldermen Dwight reconsidered their former vote, which passed said board on the 7<sup>th</sup> instant, concurring with the Common Council authorizing the Committee on Public Buildings to cause alterations to be made in the Dwight School house - as petitioned for by the School Committee. Laid on the Table.

Petition of Henry G. Rice, to have Rice a drain constructed in Belcher street from the Worcester Hospital to the sewer in Broad street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

On the order of notice on the petition of Jacob S. Savage for a common sewer in Marlborough Hill street, it appears that notice has been given agreeably to the order passed at the meeting of the board on Monday last. And now no one appearing to object to the same, the subject was recommitted to the same Committee with full power.



Petition of Timothy Gilbert,  
and others, to have Millard & Whiting appointed on the  
day police in Washington Street. Referred to the Mayor.

Roberts,  
Steam Engine Petition of J. D. Roberts, for leave  
to construct a Steam Engine in his Store in Brighton Street.  
Referred to the Committee on Steam Engines.

Goldthwaite The Committee on Steam Engines,  
to whom was referred the petition of J. P. Goldthwaite, for leave  
to place a steam engine in a building on Haverhill Street,  
reported, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his  
petition. Read and accepted.

Werner Petition of Art Werner, and others,  
to have a Hydrant Company stationed at City Point, in Ward  
12, South Boston. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Depart-  
ment.

Tyler.  
Chester Square Petition of John A. Tyler, and  
others, respecting land purchased by them of the City in  
Chester Square. Referred in Common Council to the Com-  
mittee on Public Lands. Came up for concurrence. Read  
and concurred.

Maverick  
Square Ordered, That the Joint stand-  
ing Committee on Public Lands, be directed to cause an  
iron fence to be built around Maverick Square (Ward 2)  
and to charge the same to the appropriation for incidental  
Expenses and Miscellaneous Claims. Referred in Common Coun-  
cil. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

On the petition of M. Croft 357.  
-en, to be compensated for damage sustained by reason of July 21 1851.  
a post standing on the corner of Newton and Fremont  
Streets, the Committee on Faring reported leave to withdraw.  
Read and accepted

Ordered, That the Joint Jamaica  
Standing Committee on Water, to whom was referred the com- Pond  
-munication of the Archibute Water board of the 12<sup>th</sup> of June - Aqueduct  
last in reference to the purchase of the Jamaica Pond Aqueduct,  
be directed to report as soon as practicable what order  
the City Council shall take thereon. Came up for concur-  
-rence. Read and concurred.

Ordered, That the joint stand- Hay Scales,  
-ing Committee on Public Buildings, be and they are hereby Haymarket  
authorized, in connection with the Committee on Public Square  
Lands, to sell or otherwise dispose of, or lease, if they deem  
proper, and upon such terms as they shall think advisable,  
the whole or any part of the Hay Scales in Haymarket  
Square and the whole or any part of the land connected  
therewith. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concur-  
-rence. Read and concurred.

On the petition of Ralph Haskins  
Haskins and others to have cats removed from Fremont Square  
the Committee on Licenses reported leave to withdraw. Read  
and accepted.

On the petition of William F. Patten  
William F. Patten complaining against James Stratton the Com-  
-mittee on Licenses reported leave to withdraw. Read and  
accepted.



Whereas, pursuant to an  
 Order of the Board passed on the twenty sixth day of May  
 1851, public notice thereof having first been given, a Common  
 Sewer has been constructed in Kingston Street the cost of  
 which was One hundred and nineteen dollars and seventy  
 three cents, one half part whereof being deducted, to be paid  
 by the said City, there remains fifty nine dollars 80 cts. to be charg-  
 ed to persons benefitted by the same according to law: It  
 is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule  
 herunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they  
 hereby charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to  
 their respective names, as their proportional part of the ex-  
 pense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be  
 certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their  
 tenants or lessees.

Meridian  
 street Ordered, That the Superin-  
 tendent of Common Sewers be and he is hereby authorized  
 to construct a Common Sewer in Meridian Street from  
 Saratoga Street to Lexington Street.

D. street Ordered, That the Superin-  
 tendent of Common Sewers be and he is hereby authorized  
 to extend the Common Sewer in D. Street from Second Street  
 to the Northerly line of First street.

Fremont  
 street Ordered, That the Superin-  
 tendent of Common Sewers be and he is hereby directed to  
 extend the Common Sewer in Fremont Street as far south  
 toward Worcester Street as may be deemed expedient by the Com-  
 mittee on Sewers and Drains.

On the petition of Howes and 359.

Andly, Ordered That due notice be given that this Board will, July 21 1851 on Monday next at four o'clock, P. M., take into expediency of London constructing a common Sewer in London and Hare Street & Hare St. and of assisting the expense thereof on all persons who may enter their particular Drains into such Common Sewer, or who by any more remote means shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

Ordered, That the Superintendent South of Street be authorized to repair South Margin Street and make Margin St. such alterations in the grade and width of the side walk as shall be found necessary.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P. M.



At a Special meeting of the  
board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held  
at City Hall on Saturday the Twenty sixth day of July. 1851.

Present

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Kimball and Clark.

South Margin St.	Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets cause cellar door ways to be closed in the side walks in front of estates N <sup>o</sup> 22 and 69 South Margin street, and to remove all obstructions from the sidewalks.
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Gough Street.	Ordered, That Gough street be repaved from South Margin street to Merrimack street, and that the Superintendent of Streets cause all openings in the sidewalks to be closed, and the sidewalks paved with brick.
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Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the board 361  
of Mayors and Aldermen of the city of Boston, held at City  
Hall on Monday the Twenty eighth day of July, A.D. 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Wol-  
brook.

Report of the Inspector of Prisons Inspector  
of the County of Suffolk on the House of Correction House of  
Reformation Jail Boston Lunatic Hospital and House of In-  
dustry. Laid on the Table and ordered to be printed.

Daniel Rhodes was nominated Tancuil Hall  
and appointed clerk of Tancuil Hall Market and Thom Market.  
as Kettell, Deputy clerk of said Market.

Goddard and Adams Auctioneers  
were nominated and appointed Auctioneers, and their bond  
approved.

Petition of Leonard W. Smalley. Smalley  
to be paid for land taken to widen Brighton street. Referred  
to the Committee on Streets.

Shawmut Congregational Society. Shawmut  
give notice of their intention to build on Suffolk street, & Society  
they pray for leave to remove their wooden chapel. Referred  
to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Charles M<sup>c</sup>Intier. M<sup>c</sup>Intier.  
respecting the cess pool in William's Court. Referred to the  
Committee on Paving.

The Committee on Laying out  
out and widening Streets, to whom was referred the petition of Daniel



502. of Bryant, Hark and others to have Beverly Street laid  
July 23, 1851 out and completed reported, that the same ought to be re-  
ferred to the Committee on Paving. Read accepted and re-  
ferred accordingly.

Lincoln  
& Taylor Petition of Lincoln & Taylor  
and others, to have the edge stone set and the gutters  
raised on Blyden and Church streets. Referred to the  
Committee on Paving.

Full Petition of William Beale, Pyro-  
-technist, for leave to establish a Pyrotechnical Laboratory in  
a building fronting on Tremont Street, opposite to the head of  
West Castle Street. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Marble  
Ball. Petition of William Marble, and  
others, to have Hull Street lighted with gas, and of Rue M.  
Ball, and others, that a gas lamp be placed in Burroughs  
Place. Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

Loring. Petition of Ellis Gray Loring, to  
have certain taxes, for 1848, 1849, & 1850, abated. Referred to the  
Committee on the Assessors' Department. Sent down for concu-  
-rence. Came up concurred.

Grinn Petition of Jacob Grinn,  
for leave to move a wooden building in East Boston, the  
Committee on Paving, reported, that the prayer of the petition  
-or be granted, he to assume the entire expense. Read and ac-  
-cepted.

Lincoln On the petition of James L. Lin-  
-coln, for leave to construct coal holes under the side walk

on West Cedar street. the Committee on Paving reported that \$363  
could be granted on the usual conditions. Read & accepted. July 23 1851

Ordered, That the Superin- Back  
-tendent of Sewers and Drains under the direction of the Com-  
mittee on Sewers and Drains, in consultation with the Drainage  
Committee on Internal health be directed to construct and  
lay down, as soon as may be, the main culvert and  
connecting drain from the Rail Road Bridge on Fremont  
Street to the channel on the westerly side of the Western  
Avenue according to the plan of Alfred Chetrough and Fur-  
rell reported in City Document #14 of last year, with such  
modifications and alterations as present experience may  
seem to require, and that the expense of the same be charg-  
ed to the appropriation for Internal health.

Ordered, That Pitts street be Pitts  
repaired from the Canal to Merrimack Street, and that the  
Superintendent of Streets be authorized to make such alter-  
-tions in the width and grade of the side walks as he  
shall judge necessary.

Ordered, That the Superin- Canal  
-tendent of Streets in paving Canal Street be authorized to  
close all openings in the sidewalks of said street.

Resolved, That the safety and Meridian  
convenience of the inhabitants of the City require that the  
Board should take and lay out as a public street a way  
of said City a parcel of land belonging to the East Boston



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July 28 1851 Company and laid out by them as part of a street called  
Meridian Street, lying between Pine and Paruloga streets  
bounded as follows, viz. extending Northerly from the Northerly  
line of Paruloga street, where it crosses said Meridian street,  
to the Northerly line of Pinckney street, where it crosses said  
Meridian street, being a strip of land sixty feet wide:—  
Also a certain other parcel of land belonging to said Com-  
pany and laid out by them as part of a street called  
Paris street, bounded as follows, viz. extending Northeasterly  
from the Northeasterly line of Sumner street, where it  
crosses said Paris street to the southeasterly line of Mur-  
rick street, where it crosses said Paris street, being a strip  
of land also sixty feet wide. And whereas a deed of  
said parcels of land has been executed and delivered by  
said Company to said City, it is therefore Ordered, that the  
parcels of land before described be and the same hereby  
are taken and laid out as public streets or ways of said  
City, the first parcel to be named and known as part of  
Meridian Street and the second parcel by the name of  
Paris Street, according to a plan of said streets made by  
said Company, a copy of which is deposited in the office of  
said Mayor and Aldermen.

Sumner.

Whereas, by an order passed by  
London & the Court on the twenty third day of June last, it was  
declared that a certain lot of land numbered one hundred  
& thirty one on the plan of East Boston, situated between  
London and Liverpool streets and owned by Mrs Girard of  
New York William H. Sumner being agent, for her, thereof,  
was in a state of nuisance, and dangerous to the

health of the inhabitants, and it was then and thereby ordered 365  
that notice in writing be given to said Sumner agent for July 28 1851  
said Girard, to cause the said nuisance then existing on  
said land and consisting of stagnant and filthy water  
to be removed within fourteen days from the day of the date  
of said order by draining and filling up the same with  
good coarse gravel so that said land will shed water:  
And whereas it appears that due notice was given to said  
Sumner, agent as aforesaid, pursuant to said order, and  
that the said Sumner & Girard have neglected to cause the  
said nuisance to be removed, and that the same still re-  
mains a nuisance as before; and whereas the said term  
of fourteen days has expired: it is therefore, Ordered, That the  
City Marshal be and he is hereby directed to cause the said  
nuisance to be removed forthwith, by draining and filling  
up the same with good coarse gravel so that it will shed  
water, at the expense of the said Girard and Sumner.

Whereas, by an order passed Sumner  
by this Board on the twenty third day of June last, it  
was declared that a certain lot of land numbered one  
hundred and thirty two on the plan of East Boston situa-  
ted between London and Liverpool Streets and owned by  
Wm H Sumner was in a state of nuisance, and danger-  
ous to the health of the inhabitants, and it was then and  
thereby ordered that notice in writing be given to said Sum-  
ner to cause the said nuisance then existing on said land  
and consisting of stagnant and dirty water to be remov-  
ed within fourteen days from the day of the date of said



366. order by properly draining and filling up the same with  
July 28, 1851. good coarse gravel: And whereas it appears that, due no-  
-tice was given to said Sumner pursuant to said order,  
and that the said Sumner has neglected to cause the  
said nuisance to be removed, and that the same still  
remains a nuisance as before; and whereas the said  
term of fourteen days has expired: it is therefore, Ordered,  
That the City Marshal be and he is hereby directed to  
cause the said nuisance to be removed forthwith, by prop-  
-erly draining and filling up the same with good coarse  
gravel at the expense of the said Sumner

Fay

Whereas, by an order passed  
by this Board on the twenty third day of June last, it  
was declared that a certain lot of land numbered one  
hundred and thirty three on a plan of East Boston situ-  
-ated between Gordon and Liverpool streets and owned by  
Richard I. Fay was in a state of nuisance, and danger-  
-ous to the health of the inhabitants, and it was then and  
thereby ordered that notice in writing be given to said Fay,  
to cause the said nuisance then existing on said lot and  
consisting of stagnant and dirty water to be removed with-  
-in fourteen days from the day of the date of said order  
by properly draining and filling up the same with good  
coarse gravel: And whereas it appears that due notice  
was given to said Fay, pursuant to said order, and that  
the said Fay has neglected to cause the said nuisance  
to be removed, and that the same still remains a nuis-  
-ance as before; and whereas the said term of fourteen

days has expired: it is therefore, Ordered, That the City Marshal be and he is hereby directed to cause the said nuisance to be removed forthwith, by properly draining and filling up the same with good coarse gravel at the expense of the said Jay. 367 July 28. 1851.

Whereas, by an order passed by Vermont this Board on the Tenth day of July instant it was declared that a certain parcel of land situated between Centre and Marginal streets, and also another situated between Webster and Centre streets, and owned by the Vermont Central Rail Road Company, was in a state of nuisance, and dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, and it was then and thereby ordered that notice in writing be given to said Company to cause the said nuisance then existing on said land and consisting of filthy and stagnant water to be removed within fifteen days from the day of the date of said order by draining and filling the same with good clean gravel: And whereas it appears that due notice was given to said Company pursuant to said order, and that the said Company has neglected to cause the said nuisance to be removed, and that the same still remains a nuisance as before; and whereas the said term of fifteen days has expired: it is therefore, Ordered, That the City Marshal be and he is hereby directed to cause the said nuisance to be removed forthwith, by draining and filling the same with good clean gravel at the expense of the said Company.

On the petition of J. D. Roberts, for leave to construct a Steam Engine in his shop in High



568      On that the Committee on Steam Engines, reported leave  
July 28, 1851 to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Waltham      On the petition of Levi Wal-  
tham, to have Washington Street, between Essex and New Street,  
paved the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw.  
Read and accepted.

Gitchfield.      On the petition of Nichols Litch-  
field, and others, that a common sewer be constructed in  
Eaton Street, the Committee on Sewers and Drains, reported  
leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

London      Order of notice having been  
duly issued, and no person appearing to object to the con-  
struction of a sewer in London and Hare streets, the sub-  
ject was recommitted to the Committee on Sewers & Drains.

Dorchester      On the petition of the Dorchester  
Turnpike Corporation respecting repairs on Turnpike Street,  
the Committee on Paving reported, that no action is required.  
Read and accepted.

Way,      On the petition of Samuel A. Way,  
East Orange      for the City to accept and pave East Orange Street, the Com-  
mittee on laying out and widening Streets reported that it  
is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner at this  
time. Read and accepted.

New Jail      Ordered, That the Committee on  
the action of the New Jail be authorized to build receiving  
room as per plan, and to furnish the prison and prepare  
it for occupancy as soon as practicable, and the expense

are the balance of the appropriation now remaining from 369  
the original loan to be charged to County expenses. July 20. 1851

The Committee on Internal Improvement,  
Smith reported, that no further action is necessary in the mat-  
ter of H. H. Gunnecull and Henry J. Syling. The nuisance  
complained of having been abated. Read and accepted.

The following order was taken Censur.  
from the Table; viz: - Ordered, That Messrs. Haskell, Mink, Population  
and Allen, with such as the board of Mayor & Aldermen  
may join, be a Committee to prepare and report to the City Coun-  
cil, such facts in relation to the different classes of the popu-  
lation in the City, based upon the Census taken by order of the  
City Council the last year as may afford information upon  
the subject of the births, marriages and deaths among the  
native and foreign population, and that said Committee  
have leave to report in print. Read in Common Council. Came  
up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and Aldermen Higgin  
and Grant were joined.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P. M.



At a meeting of the board of  
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall  
on Monday the fourth day of August Anno Domini 1851  
Present

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Watchmen

The following persons were  
nominated and appointed Watchmen, viz: Henry Cane; Wil-  
liam H. Stacy; Jesse Fowler; George W. Ellis; George Hoyt; James F.  
Hade; Sylvester Stone; Charles H. Ford; Edward Bulluck.  
Thomas A. Gurbush; John E. Whitten; Robert Hoyt; Edward Cornell;  
Charles T. Hasker; and David Bissell.

Stearns.

Petition of Elijah Stearns, and  
others to have the ordinance establishing the Fire Depart-  
ment altered. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Depart-  
ment.

National

Petition of Wright, Tenno & Bird  
Theatre. for a license at the National Theatre, for Theatrical Exhi-  
bitions. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Lamson.

Petition of Benjamin Lamson,  
for leave to remove a wooden building. Referred to the Com-  
mittee on Paving.

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Petition of Chauncey Page, and  
others to have a sea wall erected on the front eastward  
of First Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

White

Ferdinand E. White was nominat-  
ed and appointed an Auctioneer, and his bond approved.

Petition of Samuel Nicolson, 371.

and others; that certain restrictions may be removed from August 4, 1851  
land sold by the city between Springfield and Worcester. Referred  
that: Referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down  
for concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Lynch, Lynch.

and others, to have the drain in Northampton street taken  
up and repaired. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and  
Drains.

Petition of Doan and Horton, Doan

and others, to have a common sewer laid in Athens street. Horton  
Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of Josiah L. C. Amee, Amee

and others, to have a common sewer laid in Utica street.  
Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Thomas Bennett was nomi- Deputy

nated and appointed Deputy Clerk of Council. Full Name  
-ket.

Reports of City Clerk, City Reg. Quarterly

Star; Aug. Higher at the Northern Scale of the amount reported  
of fees received in their respective capacities and paid into  
the City Treasury, for the quarter ending the 31<sup>st</sup> day of  
July last. Read and Sent down.

On the petition of Charles E. Higgin.

Higgin, and others, to have Marshal and Union streets widened. Referred  
ened, the Committee on Laying out and widening Streets. Marshal  
reported that the measure proposed is inexpedient at the present



372 present time, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.  
August 4, 1851.

Lincoln & Taylor On the petition of Lincoln and Taylor to have the edge stone re-set, and the gutters repaired in Boylston and Church streets, the Committee on Paving reported that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. Read and accepted.

Fifty Associates On the petition of the "Fifty Associates", for leave to construct coal holes under the sidewalk in Cornhill, the Committee on Paving reported that leave be granted on the usual conditions. Read accepted.

Brewster On the petition of Osmyn Brewster and others, respecting the sidewalk in Hill Street, the Committee on Paving reported that no further action is necessary in the matter. Read and accepted.

Alien paupers Ordered, That the Superintendent of Alien Passengers be requested to enforce, within this City, the 1<sup>st</sup> Section of Chap. 40 of the Revised Statute, and the 4<sup>th</sup> Section of Chap. 105 of the acts of the Legislature of 1850, providing for the removal of paupers who have no lawful settlement within this State.

Shaw Washington Street Ordered, That there be paid to Hon. Samuel Shaw the sum of Seventeen hundred and seventy four dollars for land taken to widen Washington Street, upon his giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out widening Streets.

Ordered, That there be paid 373.

to Milton Daggett the sum of Five hundred dollars for him - August 1, 1851  
-ages as tenant and lessee of estate and land taken to widen Daggett  
Washington Street, corner of Suffolk Place, the same being own-  
-ed by A. G. Frothingham, upon his giving to the City an acquit-  
-tance and discharge for all damages costs and expense in  
consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged  
to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets.

Whereas an order to pay Robt. Knox  
-ert Knox two hundred and twenty dollars for land taken  
to widen Barrett Street, passed by this board June 23<sup>d</sup> last,  
is erroneous in consequence of the computation being made  
on a wrong number of feet, it is therefore, Ordered, that  
said order be and the same hereby is reconsidered, can-  
-celled and made void and of no effect; and, in lieu  
thereof, it is hereby Ordered, that there be paid to the said  
Robert Knox the sum of One hundred and ninety nine  
50/100 dollars for land taken to widen said Barrett Street  
upon his giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an  
acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and  
expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same  
be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widen-  
-ing Streets.

Ordered, That the Superinten- Pitts  
-dent of Streets be authorized to close all openings in the Street.  
sidewalks, and to reduce all cellar door ways to the lawful  
size in the sidewalks in Pitts Street.



Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be and he is hereby authorized to repair Congress Street and make such alteration in the grade and width of the sidewalk as shall conform to a plan and grade of said street made by C. J. Chebrough, City Engineer, and adopted by the Mayor and Aldermen January 27<sup>th</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> 1851 to remove all obstructions and close all openings in the sidewalk, and to make such repairs and alterations to Water Street and other streets, lanes and courts leading to said Congress Street, as shall be found necessary in consequence of any change made in the grade of Congress Street.

Washington Street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair Washington Street, from State to Union Streets, and to make such alteration in the grade and width of the sidewalk as shall be found necessary, and remove all stone posts and other obstructions, and close all openings in the sidewalks of said Street.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P. M.

At a Special Meeting of 375

the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston,  
held at City Hall, on Thursday the Seventh day of August,  
Anno Domini, 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Clark.

Fire Department, persons proposed as members they having been approved by the Board of Fire Department Engineers, were nominated and appointed, as named in the list, as on file.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the Eleventh day of August, A.D. 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Application of William Morton  
H. Morton, for a loan from the Franklin Fund. Referred to the  
Committee on Licenses.

Petition of William J. Homer, Homer  
and others, to have Friend Street continued from Fenner Street to  
to Dock Square, to come out at or near the end of Pine Street  
Referred to the Committee on Streets.



Whereas an order passed this August 11, 1851, passed on the twenty first day of July, 1851 establishing an apportionment for constructing a common sewer in Kingston Street. And whereas it appears that an estate on Summer Street owned by John Wells, which drains into said Kingston Street was omitted in the schedule of estates benefitted, therefore, Ordered: that the vote of this board whereby the apportionment were laid be and the same is hereby reconsidered, and that the Superintendent of Sewers and Drains be directed to present a revised Schedule of estates benefitted together with the valuation of the same.

Kingston

The Superintendent of Sewers &amp;

Street. Drains submitted a revised schedule and valuation of estates benefitted by the construction of the common sewer in Kingston Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Beal.

Notice of intention to build a King

House to be built on Hanover Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Crombie

Petition of Benjamin Crombie, for

leave to construct coal holes under the sidewalk in Mad'ad Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Court

Petition of the Grand Jurors, to have

iron or some other suitable substance placed around the Court House, for the purpose of deadening the noise of carts and other carriages. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Ordered, That the Committee 377.

on the Institutions at South Boston and on Sea Land about 1851  
on one part of the land be instructed to consider the subject of sea wall,  
restoring the sea wall for the protection of the area in the rear  
of the Greene Hospital at South Boston and the House of  
Industry.

Ordered, That the Committee, House of  
on the part of this board, on Public Buildings, cause the Correction  
Womens' work room at the House of Correction, to be enlarged,  
and the easterly wall to be laid up to the wharf from  
the southerly end of the present wall.

The reference of the peti- Nicolson  
-tion of Samuel Nicolson, to the Committee on Public Lands,  
having been amended in the Common Council by the ad-  
-dition of the word: "with full power". came up for concurrence.  
Read and nonconcurred in the amendment. Sep. 25 1851. the  
Common Council receded from its former vote touching said  
amendment, and concurred with this board.

The Auditor of Accounts re- Quarterly  
-port of money received by him in his said capacity, for the report,  
quarter ending the last day of July last, came up from the  
Common Council. Read and placed on file.

The quarterly report of the Quarterly  
clerk of Faneuil Hall Market was received and placed on report  
file.



August 1881 to whom was referred the petition of William Beale, for leave to establish a Pyrotechnical Laboratory, reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Engine No. 7.

Communication from the Engineers of the Fire Department containing names of Officers for Engine No. 7. was read, and the officers therein named were approved by this board.

Burgess.

Petition of Benjamin Burgess, and others, respecting the extension of Myrtle street was taken from the table, and thereupon was reported the following;— The Committee on laying out and widening Streets recommend that Lone street be carried out to Myrtle Court 26 to 30 feet wide, provided, the abutters will guarantee the City by satisfactory securities that the expense of said widening shall not exceed fifteen hundred dollars. For the Committee, Henry B. Rogers, Chairman. Read and accepted.

Old Harbour

Ordered, That the Superintendent

of Streets grade Old Harbour Street three hundred feet on the easterly end, commencing at Eighth street.

East Boston

On the petition of the East Boston Iron and Gas Company, to have a nuisance abated at East Boston; the Committee on Internal Health reported a recommendation, that a sewer be constructed in New street whenever prayed for by the abutters. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Streets 379.

reported, that no further action is required on the petition of James Brynlon to have Norwich and Meander streets Brynlon filled up and graded. Read and accepted.

The Committee on the Insti- New Alms

tutions at South Boston and on Deer Island to whom was House referred an order of the City Council of May 12<sup>th</sup> last, requesting them to consider and report, at their earliest convenience, what measures are best to be adopted in reference to heating and cooking apparatus for the New Alms House at Deer Island, and the provable cost of the same; having attended to their duty submit the following report: That after visiting the various Institutions in this State and in New York devoted to similar uses, and after consulting with those who from their connection with such Institutions are best able to give reliable information upon the subject, your Committee have come to the unanimous conclusion that said building should be heated by steam, that by using this method of warming you also provide at one and the same time the necessary facilities for cooking, washing, drying, and bathing. Your Committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the accompanying Order. For the Committee, John H. Wright. Ordered. That the Committee on the Institutions at South Boston and on Deer Island be and they hereby are authorized to contract with the New England Steam and Gas Pipe Company for suitable heating and cooking apparatus for the New Alms House at Deer Island, according to their proposal of July 23<sup>rd</sup> last, for a sum



580 not exceeding eight thousand five hundred dollars and August 11 1851. That the same be charged to the Sinking Fund. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred.

Gilson. Ordered, That there be paid to H. V. Gilson the sum of sixty dollars for his damages as tenant of a portion of the land recently taken to widen Barrett Street, upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expense in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets.

Grant, Ordered, That the sum of thirty seven dollars and sixty six cents be paid to Moses Grant, say this being the amount he paid for his proportional part of the cost of constructing the common sewer in Staniford Street which by an order of this board was not to be collected until there should be an entrance from the estate of the said Moses Grant into the common sewer in said Staniford Street.

Mass. Genl Hospital. An order of the Common Council on the petition of the Massachusetts General Hospital respecting the laying of water pipes along the line of the Lowell Rail Road for the purpose of introducing the acclimated Water into the McLean System. Came up for concurrence. Read and laid upon the Table and the opinion of the City Engineer to be obtained.

Adjourned to Monday, next four o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the board 381.

of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the Eighteenth day of August, A.D. 1851.

Present.

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Alderman At-  
brook.

Petition of Howard and Butch Howard and  
others, that the name of part of a street be changed  
and referred to Aldermen Kimball Clark and Smith.

Memorial of Nathan Apple- Appleton-  
ton and others, and C. H. Cartright, President of the Manufac- Cartright.  
-ture Insurance Company, complaining of a building now in  
process of erection near Pearl Street House, as being dangerous  
to the community, in case of fire. Read and referred to the  
Mayor.

Petition of William P. Tenney, Tenney,  
and others, to have a fountain placed in Bay Market Square,  
and offering to pay part of the expense. Referred to the Mayor.

Petition of R. W. Holman & Co Holman  
to have a lamp placed and lighted in Tremont Street  
near Briston Street. Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

Petition of Adam Bent, and Bent  
others, to have a nuisance abated at South Boston consisting  
of stagnant water. Referred to the Committee on General Health.



Petition of Richard Shackford,

August 11, 1851. and others to have a common sewer laid in Lexington Street  
Shackford between Marion and Meridian Street. Referred to the Com-  
-mittee on Sewer and Drain

Harris

Petition of Isaac Harris, &amp; others,

to have North Bennett Street paved. Referred to the Committee  
on Paving.

Scratchet

Petition of Thomas Scratchet, and

others, to have Indiana Street paved. Referred to the Committee  
on Paving.

Auctioneers

Koolidge, Gray and Furness, li-

-censed as Auctioneers and their bond approved.

Morton

On the petition of William H.

Morton for a loan from the Franklin fund, the Committee on  
Licenses reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Edwards

On the petition of Edwards and

T. Holman.

Holman for the grade of Hawes Street the Committee on  
Paving reported that no further action is necessary. Read  
and accepted.

Sea Wall.

The order adopted at the last

Lunatic

Hospital

meeting of this board respecting the Sea Wall in the rear  
of the Lunatic Hospital &c. was reconsidered and after being  
amended was passed as follows viz: - Ordered that the Com-  
-mittee on the Institutions at South Boston and Deer Island  
consider the expediency of restoring the Sea Wall for the  
protection of the shore in the rear of the Hoane Hospital &  
House of Industry at South Boston & not claim for encroachment. Same up concurred.

Grains reported a revised valuation and schedule of August 18, 1851  
 the cost of constructing the common sewer in Kingston Kingston  
 Street, and an order for the assessing and collection of the said  
 amount as follows, viz: Whereas, pursuant to an Order of  
 this Board, passed on the twenty sixth day of July, 1851, pub-  
 lic notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer  
 has been constructed in Kingston Street, the cost of which was  
 One hundred and nineteen dollars and seventy two cents,  
 one half part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said  
 City, there remains fifty nine dollars  $\frac{86}{100}$  to be charged to per-  
 sons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore,  
 Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto an-  
 nexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby  
 are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their  
 respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of  
 the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified  
 and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their ten-  
 ants or lessees. Read, accepted and the order passed.

Ordered, That there be paid Frothingham  
 to N. L. Frothingham and wife the sum of Fifteen hundred Washington  
 and fifty three dollars for land taken to widen Washing- street  
 ton Street, corner of Suffolk Place, by order of May fifth last  
 upon their giving to the City a Bond for the same and an  
 acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and  
 expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the  
 same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and  
 widening Streets.



Ordered, That there be paid,

August 18. 1851. to Charles F. Adams, the sum of Two Hundred and ten <sup>25</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars for land taken to widen Boylston Street, by Resolve of May 12<sup>th</sup> last, upon his giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets.

Forster. On the petition of Jacob Forster, Harvhill and others, Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be and he is hereby authorized to repair Harvhill Street, and to make such alterations in the grade and width of the sidewalk as shall conform to the established grade of said street, and remove all obstructions and close all openings in the sidewalk and cause a sidewalk to be laid at the expense of the abutters according to law.

Bryant. On the petition of Bryant and Beverly St. Clark, and others, Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair Beverly Street from Gauseway to Thaverse Streets and make such alterations in the width and grade of the sidewalk as may be found necessary and to remove all obstructions and to close all openings in the sidewalk, and to cause a sidewalk to be laid in said street according to law at the expense of the abutters.

National. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be and he is hereby authorized to close an irregular square opening in the sidewalk to the estate of the National In-

= Insurance Company in Congress Square, corner of Congress 385.  
Street.

(August 18, 1851.)

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets, in repairing Thaverse, Portland and Friend Portland & Streets, be authorized to make such alterations in the grade Friend Streets, of said streets as shall be found necessary and close all openings in the sidewalks.

Ordered, That notice be given Hobbs. to Rentis Hobbs to cause the sidewalk in front of his premises Harrison on Harrison Avenue, next adjoining the Rail Road bridge to avenue. be made safe and convenient for public travel, and at such grade and manner as shall be satisfactory to the Surveyors of Highways, and if not done within ten days, then the Superintendent of Streets be and he is hereby authorized to carry out the terms of this Order at the expense of said Hobbs, and make such alteration in grading Orange Lane & Harrison Avenue south of said Lane as shall be safe and convenient for public travel.

Whereas Henry Beal has given Beal notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on Friend St. Hanover Street, in the said City; and, in the opinion of Hanover St. the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that a street should be opened into Union Street at the place described in the said notice it is therefore now  
Ordered, That due notice be given to the said Beal that this Board intend to open the street before mentioned by taking a part of the land now about to be built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street, and that Monday, the twenty fifth day of August current



386. at four o'clock P.M. is assigned as the time for hearing August 18/1851 any objections which may be made thereto.

Crombie

On the petition of Benjamin Crombie, for leave to construct coal holes under the sidewalk in Bradford Street, the Committee on Paving reported, that leave be granted on the usual conditions. Read and accepted.

Trucks

The Committee on Licenses recommended that licenses be granted for certain trucks, wagons and handcarts, numbered as on file, which recommendation was adopted and license granted accordingly.

Bell

On the petition of William Bell, to be remunerated the damage sustained by his removal from Scott's building in 1850, the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Howe

Petition of Cranston Howe, for an abatement of his taxes. Read and referred to the Committee on the Assessors Department. Sent down for concurrence.

Second Hand

articles

Patrick Barry; and 100 others, as on file, were licensed as dealers in Second hand articles, until July 1<sup>st</sup> 1852.

Quarterly  
report

Quarterly report of Superintendent of Streets, ending June 25 1851. was read and sent down.

Petition of George W. Allan, 387.  
to be restored to the Watch. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.  
-censes.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P. M.

At a meeting of the board of  
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City  
Hall on Monday the Twenty fifth day of August A. D. 1851.  
Present

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Kimball

Ordered, That the Committee Franklin  
on Public Buildings, be and they are hereby authorized to School house  
repair the Franklin School house, damaged by fire on the  
24<sup>th</sup> instant. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Petition of the Directors of the New Deer Island  
of Industry, to have the wharf at Deer Island extended. Referred  
to the Joint Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence.



Order of notice passed at the  
 August 25, 1851. meeting of this board on Monday last, on the notice of in-  
 Beal, -tention to build of Henry Beal on Hanover Street, for said  
 Hanover & Beal to appear at this time and shew cause why his  
 Friend streets land should not be taken to extend Friend Street; And the  
 same was recommitted to the Committee on Streets.

Blake Remonstrance of Henry Blake,  
 Friend St. and others, -tention of John G. Baker and others, against the  
 petition of William J. Homer, and others, in regard to extend-  
 -ing Friend Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Leavitt Petition of Benson Leavitt, and  
 Charter St. others, praying that the westerly line of Charter street may  
 be straightened. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Washington Ordered, That the Superintend-  
 Street -ent of Streets, be and he is hereby authorized to repair Wash-  
 ington Street from Malden street to Brookline street, and  
 make such alterations in the width and grade of the side  
 walk as shall be found necessary, and remove all stone  
 posts and other obstructions from the sidewalks.

Franklin Ordered, That the Mayor be au-  
 School house, thorized to offer a reward not exceeding two hundred dollars  
 Reward for information which shall lead to the detection and con-  
 -viction of the incendiary or incendiaries, who set fire to the  
 Franklin School House in this city on the afternoon of the 24<sup>th</sup>  
 instant.

Petition of Otis C. Farrar, ask. 389

ing some aid for damage caused by a vicious horse, while said August 25, 1851  
Farrar was in the employ of the City as Watchman of the City Stables. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

On the petition of George Hill - Hillman  
man, and others, that the avenue from Copps hill to Prince  
Street, be paved and lighted with gas, the Committee on Paving  
refused leave to withdraw; said avenue being private property  
Read and accepted.

On the petition of the New Eng. New England  
Land Lodging Company, for leave to lay water pipes from the river Lodging Co.  
to the Factory and across Northampton street, the Committee on  
Paving reported, that leave be granted; provided that said  
pipe be removable at the pleasure of the City and that the  
work be done under the direction of the Committee on Paving.  
Read and accepted.

On the petition of J. A. Wheelock Ojibwa  
leave was granted to the Ojibwa chiefs to exhibit the manners Indian  
and customs of Indian life, at Harmony Hall.

The Committee on Licenses, to National  
whom was referred the petition of Wright, Tenno & Bird for a li- Theatre  
-cense for the National Theatre, reported, that a license be  
granted on the usual conditions and regulations applying  
to such places of amusements as heretofore adopted by the  
board. Read and accepted.

Petition of William Beals, for Beals  
leave to furnish the fireworks for the approaching Fall Fair



390 Celebration Referred to the Committee on said celebration on August 25/1851. the part of this board.

Critchett. The Committee on Paving, to whom Andrew St. was referred the petition of Thomas Critchet and others that Andrew Street be paved, reported that as said street is an unaccepted street, said petition be referred to the Committee on laying out and widening Streets. And accepted and referred accordingly.

Howe The vote of this board referring the petition of Brewster Howe, for an abatement of taxes, to the Committee on the Highways department, was reconsidered, and said petition was referred to the Committee on said department on the part of this board.

Wightman. On the petitions of J. M. Wightman. Fernald to have Lance street paved, and of James Fernald to have a side walk laid in Garbhill Street, the Committee on Paving reported that no further action is necessary. And accepted.

Thayer & Rice. On the petition of Thayer and Rice, Andrew Street Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be and he is hereby authorized to repair Andrew Street and make such alteration in the grade and width of the side walk as shall be found necessary.

Adams. Ordered, That there be paid to Boylston St Charles F. Adams the sum of Fifty dollars for land taken to widen Boylston Street the same being additional to an order of Boarding last upon his giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking, and that

the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out  
and widening Streets.

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August 25 1851.

Ordered, That there be paid to Levi A. Dowley the sum of Fifteen thousand six hundred and twelve dollars for land taken to extend Atkinson Street from Broad to Purchase Streets, upon his giving to the city a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge in all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets.

Petition of Stephen F. Child, and Child others, to have a nuisance abated occasioned by Stables on Carver and Warren streets. Referred to the Committee on Internal health.

Petition of Seth Whittier and Oliver B. Winn, to have a nuisance abated occasioned by insufficient drains in Pulis Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal health.

Petition of Laurence McCarthy to have a nuisance abated occasioned by filthy water in Sea Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal health.

Petition of Benjamin Burlingame for leave to move a wooden building. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of William G. Litchfield, and others, to have Adams street repaired. Referred to the Committee on Paving.



392.

Petition of Emery Souther,  
August 20, 1851. and others to have Lyman Place repaired. Referred to  
Souther the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Thomas Hopkinson,  
Hopkinson and others to have the grade of Briggs Place raised &c. Re-  
ferred to the Committee on Paving.

Lee. A communication signed  
India Wharf. by James Lee and others, addressed to the County Attorney,  
and by him transmitted to the Mayor, complaining of the  
state of the Dock near India Wharf, and asking that the  
city may be presented by the Grand Jury, on account of  
an alledged nuisance in said Dock, was read and the  
Subject was referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P. M.

At a Special meeting of the  
board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held  
at City Hall on Thursday the Twenty eighth day of August,  
Anno Domini, 1851.

Present

The Mayor Aldermen Rogers, Briggs, Grant and Melbeck.

Ordered, That there be paid 393.

to John H. Symonds, tenant of N<sup>o</sup> 111 Congress Street, the sum of August 28 1851  
Two hundred and fifty dollars for his damages arising from the action of the City in taking land to widen Congress Street, upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets.

The following Order Mass: Gen<sup>l</sup>  
was taken from the Table and reconsidered, and passed: Ordered: That the Massachusetts General Hospital, with the consent of the Architectural Water Board have leave to introduce the Architectural Water into the M<sup>o</sup> Sean Asylum for the Insane, by pipes to be laid along the line of the Lowell Rail Road, instead of doing so by pipes to be laid from Charlestown Square as allowed by the order passed by the City Council in April last. Passed in Common Council came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P.M.



At a meeting of the board of  
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall  
on Monday the first day of September, - Anno Domini, 1851.

Present.

The Mayor and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Holbrook.

Krollman.

Petitions of Gustave Krollman,  
for a license to give concerts in the Masonic Temple - and  
of J. Henry McKenny, agent for the "Sable Harmonists", to give  
Harmonists' entertainments consisting of Singing, Dancing &c, at the Edison  
Theatre, Sudbury street. Referred to the Committee on License.

Cheever.

Petition of James Cheever, and

Capen.

Wiggin.

Friend H.

others, in aid of the petition of William F. Homer, and others,  
to have Friend Street carried through to Union street; and  
the Remonstrances of Maria V. Capen, and others and of  
Charles E. Wiggin, and others, against the same. Referred to  
the Committee on Streets.

Spokesfield.

Petition of F. D. Spokesfield, and  
others, to have Arnold Street accepted. Referred to the Com-  
mittee on Streets.

Vannevar.

Petition of George Vannevar, and

Phipps place

others to have Phipps Place continued through to Hull street.  
Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Twitchell

Petition of C. M. A. Twitchell,

and others, to have a nuisance abated, occasioned by a pool  
of filthy water near Orleans street, on the southern side of  
Marwick street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of Walter Bryant, to 395.

have a common sewer laid in Gedham street, between Suffolk and Lement streets. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains. 1/1851

Petition of John Green, jun<sup>r</sup> and Green others, to have a common sewer laid in Lucas Place. Referred to the Committee on Sewers & Drains.

Petition of Paul Adams, and Adams others to have a part of Charles Street macadamized. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Alpheus Dunbar, & Dunbar others, to have sidewalks laid in Meridian street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Samuel W. Ropes, & Ropes others, to have gas lamps placed and lighted in Harvard street. Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

The Committee on Licenses Trucks &c reported the numbers of certain Trucks, Handcarts, Wagons &c. which they recommended should be licensed and transferred, as on file, Read, accepted and licenses granted accordingly.

On the petition of J. H. C. Amee. Amee. to have a common sewer laid in Utica street, the Committee on Sewers and Drains reported, that as said street is not accepted by the City, the petition be referred to the Committee on Internal health. Read, accepted and referred accordingly. Utica Street.

On the petition of Benjamin Lamson Lamson, for leave to move a wooden building in East Bos-



396. - On the Committee on Faving reported, that leave be granted.  
Sep. 1. 1851. - ed. Read and accepted.

Emery

On the petition of J. W. R. Emery, to leave to construct a sewer in Pearl street, the Committee on Sewers and Drains reported, that leave be granted - ed provided the petitioner pay three fourths of the expense. Read and accepted.

Atkinson

street  
Howe and  
Adams

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of this City require that Atkinson Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to Jabez C. Howe and Benjamin Adams bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at the Northeasterly corner of Andrew Harrington's land; thence running northwardly along the westerly side of Atkinson Street as heretofore established, One hundred and nineteen feet and thirty four hundredths of a foot, to the Southeasterly corner of land belonging to the heirs of Sarah Blake; thence Westwardly along the line of said heirs, five feet and fifty nine hundredths of a foot; thence Southwardly on a straight line eighty feet to a point on the boundary line between Benjamin Adams and Jabez C. Howe, five feet and forty three hundredths of a foot from the aforesaid westerly line of Atkinson Street (measuring along said last mentioned boundary line; thence Southwardly on a straight line thirty nine feet and ninety five hundredths of a foot to the Northerly boundary of said Harrington's land; thence Eastwardly along the line of said Harrington's land three feet and sixty seven hundredths



of a foot to the point of beginning, containing five hundred 397  
and ninety six square feet, more or less; and taking from 398  
said Howe one hundred and sixty four square feet and  
from said Adams four hundred and thirty two square feet.  
And whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of  
this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose  
aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto annexed, It  
is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described  
be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a pub-  
lic street or way of the said City according to a plan of  
the said premises made by E. S. Chestbrough dated August 30<sup>th</sup>  
last and deposited in the Office of the said Mayor and  
Aldermen.

Whereas this Board, by a Res-  
olution passed this day has taken a certain parcel of land  
therein described, lying on Atkinson Street and laid out  
the same as a public street or way of said City, it is therefore  
Ordered That due notice be given to John C. Howe & Benjamin  
Adams and all other person interested as owners, proprietors,  
tenants, occupants, or otherwise, in said land that they cut  
off, pull down, remove and carry away all buildings, erections  
and obstructions of every sort standing on and projecting over  
the line of said Atkinson street, as established by the Res-  
olution aforesaid, or move and set back the same to the said line,  
and vacate and surrender the land and premises taken  
as aforesaid on or before the first day of October now next  
ensuing. And in default thereof, the City Marshal is hereby  
directed and empowered forthwith to enter upon said land  
and cause all buildings, erections and obstructions stand-



378 any on said lots, are the line of said Adams Street.  
Sept. 1. 1851. It is established in the Petition aforesaid to be cut off, pulled  
down, removed and carried away, or to be moved and  
set back to said line, and the said land to be vacated  
and surrendered under the direction of the Committee on  
laying out and widening streets.

Ordered

That the safety  
and convenience of the inhabitants of this City require that  
Federal Street should be widened, and for that purpose it  
is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way  
of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to Benjamin Adams,  
bounded as follows: viz. Beginning at the southerly  
corner of Lot 9 Shaw's land on Federal Street and on the  
boundary line between said Shaw and Benjamin Adams;  
thence Westwardly along the southerly boundary of said  
Adams' land, four feet; thence Southwardly along the easterly  
side of said street as heretofore established, on an irregular  
line thirty four feet and forty two hundredths of a foot to the  
end of the widening hitherto made on the easterly side of  
said street, thence easterly along the end of said widen-  
ing, four feet and forty two hundredths of a foot, to the easterly  
side of said widening; thence northwardly on a straight line,  
thirty four feet and forty two hundredths of a foot to the point  
of beginning; containing one hundred and forty five square  
feet, and thirty one hundredths of a square foot, more or less.  
And whereas due notice has been given of the intention of this  
Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid,  
as appears by the return aforesaid annexed. It is therefore Or-  
dained That the parcel of land here described be, and the

same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way  
of the said City, according to a plan of the said premises  
made by E. L. Chestrough dated August 30<sup>th</sup> last and  
deposited in the Office of the said Mayor and Aldermen.

Whereas this Board, by a Resolution adopted the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June last, has taken a certain piece of land then Federal  
in dispute, lying on Federal Street and laid out the same as a public street.  
as a public street or way of said City, it is therefore Ordered,  
That due notice be given to Benjamin Adams and all other  
persons interested as owners, proprietors, tenants, occupants, or  
otherwise, in said land that they cut off, pull down, remove  
and carry away all buildings, erections and obstructions  
of every sort standing on and projecting over the line of  
said Federal Street, as established by the Resolve aforesaid, or,  
move and set back the same to the said line, and vacate  
and surrender the land and premises taken as aforesaid  
on or before the first day of October next ensuing. And  
in default thereof the City Marshal is hereby directed  
and empowered forthwith to enter upon said land and cause  
all buildings, erections and obstructions standing on and  
projecting over the line of said Federal Street, as established  
by the Resolve aforesaid, to be cut off, pulled down, removed  
and carried away, or to be moved and set back to said  
line, and the said land to be vacated and surrendered  
under the direction of the Committee on Laying out and  
widening Streets.

Ordered, That there be paid Thomas  
to Alexander Thomas, the sum of seven Dollars for



400 land taken to widen Barrett Street, being an order additional to the order of July 14<sup>th</sup> last, upon his giving to the City a Bond for the same and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets.

Engine Communication from the board  
Committee of Engineers of the Fire Department, respecting the number of Engine and Hydrant Companies to be formed under the new ordinance. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Werner. Report of the Engineers of the Fire Department on the petition of Anthony Werner, & others Allen Howard and others, recommending that a Hydrant carriage be placed at City Point, South Boston. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Critchett. The Committee on laying  
Andover St. out and widening Streets to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Critchett, and others, reported that the acceptance of Andover Street is inexpedient at this time. Read and accepted.

Butolph Street. The board being satisfied that a certain drain, leading into the common sewer drain, Coffin in Butolph Street from certain tenements situated on said Butolph Street and South Boston Street and owned by Joseph B. Gleason of Boston, John Coffin of Waltham, both in the County of Middlesex, W. H. Rogers John Whittier and William G. Henry all of said Boston, has become obstructed and is in-

sufficient for the purpose of draining said premises. It is  
therefore Ordered, that due notice be given to said Gleason,  
Offin, Keyes, Whittier and Henry that they are hereby required  
to alter, repair, and reconstruct said drain so that the same  
may be proper and sufficient for their several tenements,  
and to be used in common, within ten days from the date  
hereof.

Petition of Nathaniel Seaver, Seaver  
and others, that the floors of Engine Houses N<sup>o</sup> 14 and 11 at East  
Boston be improved. Referred to the Committee on Public Build-  
ings. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Communication from the School Otis  
Committee notifying the City Council of the discontinuance of School  
the Otis School. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.  
Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Report of the Committee on Paving, Clarke.  
on the petition of Manlius S. Clarke, and others recommend-  
ing a remuneration to them for damages sustained by them  
in consequence of raising the grade of Suffolk Street. Read  
and laid upon the table for further consideration.

On the petition of S. Cobb, for Cobb  
a sewer in Webster Street, and of Edmund Jackson, for a sewer Jackson  
in Brookline Street, the Committee on Sewers and Drains re-  
ported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.



Sept 1 1861. on Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of J. D. Farnsworth relative to a change of security for money due the City, have considered the subject and recommend the adoption of the following Order. John P. Bigelow, Chairman. Ordered that the committee on Public Lands be authorized to exchange security for the payment for land sold to the City to J. D. Farnsworth, by receiving mortgages on dwelling houses now being erected on a portion of said land on Suffolk Street between Maltham and Hanson Street, in lieu of the bonds now held by the City, the exchange to be made under the direction of said Committee, when said houses are completed, on such terms and conditions, as the Committee shall think for the best interest of the City. Read, accepted, and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence. Same up concurred.

State

Petition of the Inspectors of the

Prison.

State Prison that the City Council would authorize the Architectural Water board, to permit the petitioners to place Hydrants on the line of the Water pipes in Charlestown. Read and laid on the Table for further consideration.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the board 403

of Mayors and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the Eighth day of September A.D. 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Petition of Pliny Kuller, Kuller  
and others, to have Milk and Federal streets widened. Referred  
to the Committee on Streets

Petition of William Stone and Stone -  
Abiah Stevens to be paid a reasonable compensation for filling Stevens  
up First street. Referred to the Committee on Streets. First St.

Remonstrance of Benson Seavitt -  
Seavitt, and others, against the petition of William F. Homer, and Friend St.  
others, to open a Street from Hanover street to Union street. Re-  
ferred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Elijah Thayer, & Thayer  
others, to have North Market street cleared from obstructions.  
Referred to the Committee on the Market.

Petition of William Pendergast, Pendergast  
and others, to have a common sewer laid in the street be-  
tween Chelsea street and Dedham street. Referred to the  
Committee on Sewers & Drains.

Application of Jonathan C. Pinkham  
Pinkham, to be restored as Steward in the Fire Department.  
Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.



Petition of James Carter, and

Sept 1851. others, to have Lincoln street repaired, between Bedford and Carter. Essex Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

McNear

Petition of Mary McNear, for

liberty to construct a coal slide under the front door step No 22 Hull street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Collamore

Petition of George W. Collamore, by

Robert Marsh, for leave to construct a cellar doorway in house No 23 Salem street. Referred to the Committee on Paving

Haynes

Petition of Charles Haynes, for

leave to open the cellar door No 3 Canal street, and project the entrance one foot on the sidewalk. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Harrington

The following petitions were re-

ferred to the Committee on Licenses, viz J. Harrington, for a license to exhibit as a Ventriloquist and Magician, at Marshall the Masonic Temple. - of W. Marshall for a license to give theatrical and equestrian performances at the Howard Athenaeum. - of William Taylor, to give an exhibition of the art of self defence. - of Henry Cook for a license as dealer in second hand articles.

Common

Ordered, That the Committee on

Reas

Public Buildings on the part of this board, be authorized to fit a room in the Court House for the accommodation of the New Court of Common Pleas.

Ordered, That this board 1105.

accept and adopt the grade of Worcester street between Manning Street and Garrison Avenue; said grade being that proposed by the City Engineer and shown in the plan of the same by the said Engineer, dated Sep<sup>r</sup> 8. 1851. and deposited in the office of the Mayor and Aldermen.

Ordered, That the City Engineer be requested to report a profile of a grade of Worcester street, to be established by this board.

Petition of David K. Wardwell, that an Armory be provided for the American Rifle Company. Read and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

The Committee on Internal Health reported that no further action is required on the subjects of the petitions of Isaac Winslow and Stephen Achild. Read and accepted.

On the petition of Horatio Evans for leave to construct a coal hole on the corner of Dover and Emerald Streets, the Committee on Paving, reported, that leave be granted on the usual conditions. Read and accepted.

On the petition of J. H. McKenney, for a license for the "Sable Harmonists" at the Corner of Sable Street, the Committee on Licenses reported that license be granted on the usual conditions, and ten dollars a week be paid therefor. Read and accepted.



Whereas J. Stebbins has given

Sep. 8. 1851. notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on  
Stebbins, the corner of Charles and Sumner Street in the said city;  
Charles & and, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience  
Sumner & of the inhabitants require that the said street should be wid-  
ened at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore  
Ordered That due notice be given to the said Stebbins  
that this Board intend to widen the street before mentioned,  
by taking a part of the land now about to be built upon as  
aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street, and  
that Monday, the fifteenth day of September instant at four  
o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objec-  
tions which may be made thereto.

Liberty  
Square

Ordered, That the Superinten-  
dent of Streets be authorized to repair Liberty Square, and  
make such alterations in the grade and width of the side  
walk as shall be found necessary, and remove all obstruc-  
tions and posts from the sidewalk. He to repair such parts  
of streets leading to said Square, and make such alteration  
in the grade and width of the sidewalk as to conform to  
the grade of Liberty Square

Suffolk

whom was referred the several petitions of M. S. Clarke, Samu-  
Clarke, Cuyt, at the Cuyt, John Hall Luther Tucker Jr. H. C. Armington and  
Hall, Parks, William Cole asking compensation for damages sustained by  
them as consequence of raising the grade of Suffolk Street between  
Cottucks and Newton Streets. That the subject has been  
before the Committee for two years, and carefully examined, and  
they visited the premises several times and are satisfied that all

reasonable measures were taken by the builders when the house 110  
were erected and they set some feet above the then level of the Sep. 8. 1851.  
street, since then Suffolk Street has been raised to conform to a  
more general plan of grading the south end lands. The committee  
do believe that the petitioners have been damaged by the raising  
of the grade of said street, therefore, they would recommend the  
passage of the following Order. In the Committee's meetings Messrs.  
Chairman. Ordered That there be paid to Mr. Clarke, Samuel  
2. Craft, Joseph Hull, Luther Perkins and A. C. Remington, the  
sum of Five hundred dollars each, and to William Cole, One thousand  
dollars, in full, for all claims for damages by them sustained  
in consequence of the raising of the grade of Suffolk, Pembroke  
and Newton streets, and a passage way in the rear of said houses,  
they each and all giving to the City a satisfactory release for  
all claims for damages by them sustained in consequence of  
the above named grading of street. And it is further Ordered  
that the Superintendent of Streets is authorized to reset the edge  
stone and fence stone to conform to the grade of the side walk  
in front of said houses on Blackstone Square, and repair the  
side walks to said houses and the expense thereof be charged to  
the appropriation for Paving. The foregoing was taken from the Public  
Read, accepted and the order passed.

The Committee on Paving. Page.  
to whom was referred the petition of Chauncey Page and others, that it  
asking the City to pay a part of the expense of erecting a Sea  
Wall on First street from Page's wharf to 4th street. Report: That  
they have viewed the premises and considered the subject  
and are of opinion that it would be for the interest of the  
City if a Sea wall was erected from Page's wharf to Stone's



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wharf on First Street in front of First Street, thereby protecting First Street from the action of the sea which has already caused much damage to said street. Therefore they would recommend the passage of the following order. For the Committee. Billings, Briggs Chairman. Ordered That there be paid to Phineas Page and others, owners and abutters of estates on First Street, between Page's wharf and Jones wharf, one half of the expense of erecting a suitable sea wall in front of the above named estates whenever the said proprietors shall cause said wall to be built in such manner and form as shall be satisfactory to the Superintendent of Streets, and the expense be charged to the appropriation for Paving.

Ford & Co

On the petition of Ford & Co to be remunerated for the loss of a horse, by backing off the wall into the Dock from First Street. The Committee on Licenses after a full examination into the subject of this petition recommend that there be paid to Messrs Ford & Co the sum of Fifty dollars in consideration of the loss they sustained of a horse going into the Dock from First Street, South Boston, and offer the accompanying order. At Grant, for Committee. Ordered That there be paid to Messrs Ford & Co the sum of Fifty dollars in consideration of the loss of a horse, agreeably to the report of the Committee on Licenses on the petition referred to them and that the same be charged to appropriation for Incidental Expenses. Read, accepted and the order passed, sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Myrtle Street

On the subject of the extension of Myrtle to Jones Street, the Committee on Streets presented to the board an agreement signed by Mrs. Eliza Moore

and A. Moore, (as on file) wherein they agree to allow said street 1409.  
to be continued, (20 feet wide) through the South westerly side of  
their estate, the damage to be estimated by referees &c. Said  
agreement to be binding whenever ratified by the Mayor and  
Aldermen. Read and thereupon ordered, That His Honor the  
Mayor, in behalf of this Board, accept and ratify the agree-  
ment signed by Eliza & A. Moore in relation to continuing the  
the street through Myrtle Court to Pine Street by taking a part  
of their land.

Petition of Thomas Harris, Charles Harris  
& Grant and William P. Tenney, to have their names erased from Grant.  
the petition signed by them, in favor of opening a new street Tenney  
from Hanover to Union streets. Read and referred to the Com-  
mittee on Streets.

Petition of R. Frothingham, Jr. Frothingham.  
in reply of the Inspector of the Massachusetts State River that State River  
the City of Boston would permit Hydrants to be placed on the  
line of the Water pipes in the streets of Charlestown, was taken  
from the Table and thereupon ordered, That the petition of R.  
Frothingham & respecting Hydrants in the City of Charlestown be  
referred to the Committee Water Board with power to grant the  
same under such limitations as they may deem best, provided  
not more than four Hydrants be allowed outside of the River wall.  
Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned to Monday next four o'clock P.M.



At a meeting of the board  
of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City  
Hall on Monday the fifteenth day of September, Anno Domini 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Grant  
and Holbrook.

Homer. Petition of William F. Homer, &  
Friend W. others, requesting a re-hearing of the matter of Friend Street.  
Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Kayner Petition of John Kayner, for  
leave to construct a coal hole under the side walk in Hanover  
Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Swallow Calvin Swallow gives notice of  
his intention to build on Endicott Street, and the grade of  
said Street is requested. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

McCarthy Petition of Lawrence McCarthy,  
to have the sidewalk in Sea Street repaired. Referred to the Com-  
mittee on Paving.

Puffer Petition of A. D. Puffer, for leave to  
enlarge his cellar and put iron gratings in sidewalk in Water  
Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Sperry Petition of Henry Sperry, for leave  
to erect a bulk head, under the side walk corner of Southac &  
Grove Streets. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Daniel Munce, 711

and others, to have a nuisance abated in the rear of No. 65 West Sep. 15. 1851  
Cedar Street, occasioned by having no sewer. Referred to the Com. Munce  
-mittee on Internal health.

Petition of Mathias Kramer, Kramer

to have his damages assessed by a jury, for taking his land to Atkinson  
widen Atkinson Street, and altering the grade of said street Street.  
as described in his petition to the Court of Common Pleas Referred  
to the City Solicitor.

Resolved, That the safety and Myrtle

convenience of the Inhabitants of this City require that Myrtle Court.  
Court should be extended to Grove Place and for that purpose  
it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way  
of the said City, a parcel of land now or late belonging to  
Abraham Moore and wife in her right bounded as follows,  
viz: beginning on the Easterly line of Grove Place at a point  
intersected by the Northwesterly boundary line of J. Givernon's  
estate, thence running Northeasterly Eighty  $7^{100}$  feet to the South  
-westerly line of Myrtle Court; thence turning and running  
Northwesterly on said Myrtle Court and land of Hutchins  
twenty six feet; thence turning and running Southwesterly  
Eighty  $7^{100}$  feet to said Grove Place; thence turning and running  
Southeasterly on the Easterly side of said Grove Place twenty  
six feet to the point begun at, taking from said Moore 2080  
Square feet. Also a piece of land belonging to C. Hutchins &  
the Heirs of William Redfern, bounded as follows: beginning  
on the Northwesterly line of said Myrtle Court at a point  
twenty seven  $7^{100}$  feet distant from the Southwesterly line of said  
Court; thence running on said Court twenty seven feet  $7^{100}$ .



1112: thence turning and running Northwesterly on land of said  
Sept 15, 1851. Moore and wife Six <sup>70</sup>/<sub>100</sub> feet; thence turning and running  
Northeasterly about twenty eight feet to the point begun at, tak-  
ing from said parties ninety feet more or less. Also another piece  
of land belonging to J. Livermore and others bounded as fol-  
lows: beginning at a point on the Northwesterly line of said  
Livermores Estate thirty six feet <sup>70</sup>/<sub>100</sub> distant from Grove Place;  
thence Northeasterly about forty four feet, on a diagonal line, to the  
Southerly corner of Myrtle Court; thence Northwesterly on the  
Southwesterly end of said Myrtle Court six <sup>40</sup>/<sub>100</sub> feet to land of  
A. Moore and wife; thence Southwesterly on the land of said  
Moore and wife forty four feet to the point of beginning taking  
from said Livermore about 110 feet. And Whereas, due notice  
has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said  
parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the  
return hereunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the par-  
cel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken  
and laid out as a public street or way of the said City -  
to be known by the name of Myrtle Street, according to a plan  
of the said premises made by E. J. Chestrough dated Sept 15<sup>th</sup>  
current, and deposited in the Office of the said Mayor and  
Aldermen.

Moore.	Whereas this Board, by a Re-
Hutchins.	solve passed this day has taken certain parcels of land, therein
Ridgern.	described, lying between Grove Place and Myrtle Court and
Livermore.	laid out the same as a public street or way of said City, it is
	therefore Ordered, That due notice be given to Abraham Moore
	and wife, C. Hutchins, the heirs of William Ridgern and J. Livermore
	and Edward N. Moore, and all other persons interested as own-

as proprietors, tenants, occupants, or otherwise, in said land that 413.  
they cut off, pull down, remove and carry away all buildings, ere- Sep. 15. 1851.  
ctions and obstructions of every sort standing on and projecting over  
the line of said Myrtle street, as established by the Resolve aforesaid,  
said, or, move and set back the same to the said line, and va-  
cate and surrender the land and premises taken as aforesaid  
on or before the twenty fifth day of September current. And in de-  
fault thereof, the City Marshal is hereby directed and empowered  
forthwith to enter upon said land and cause all buildings, ere-  
ctions and obstructions standing on and projecting over the line  
of said Myrtle street, as established by the Resolve aforesaid, to  
be cut off, pulled down, removed and carried away, or to be  
moved and set back to said line, and the said land to be  
vacated and surrendered under the direction of the Committee  
on laying out and widening streets.

Petition of Jonathan Hearitt, Hearitt.  
for a wagon stand near 54.60 Blackstone street, of C. Barch. Barch.  
agent of Mlle. J. Barch for a license to give concerts at the Watkins  
Temple, of J. Watkins and Andrew M. Kister for license to M. Kister  
open the Federal street Theatre, for Theatrical and other enter-  
tainments. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Charles Hickling, Hickling  
for the renewal of the lease of a room under City Hall. Referred  
to the joint Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for con-  
currence. came up concurred.

On the complaint of Joseph Morrison Morrison  
J. Morrison representing that his brother Samuel J. Morrison is  
a spendthrift and praying that this board do petition the



414. Judge of Probate for the appointment of a Guardian in accordance with the statute in such case made & provided. A brief hearing of the parties was had, and a petition to the Judge of Probate was signed by members of the board as prayed for.

Commonwealth  
vs City.

Ordered, That the City Solicitor be and he hereby is authorized to enter into a recognizance in behalf of the City, in case of the Commonwealth vs the City of Boston the same being an Indictment for nuisance found at the present term of the Municipal Court.

Carriages.

Ordered, That the City Marshal be, and he hereby is directed to exclude all carriages, except those composing a part of the processions from the streets through which the processions may pass on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> instant.

Blanchard

Complaint of Andrew Blanchard against the contractor for removal of night soil. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Gilfeather

Petition of Michael Gilfeather for leave to make a cellar way, in Ontario street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

First  
street

Ordered, That the order of this board passed June 4. 1851 requiring the Superintendent of Streets to complete First street, be and the same hereby is rescinded and declared void and of no effect.

First  
street

Ordered, That the portion of First street which is situated between E. H. streets, the same being parallel with Second street as now completed, and two

hundred and twenty feet distant therefrom, and of the width of 115 feet, be forthwith completed under the direction of the Superintendent of Streets. 4th 15. 1851

Ordered, That all that First portion of First street which is situated between A. and B. street. streets be forthwith completed under the direction of the Superintendent of Streets.

Ordered, That the board accept and adopt the grade of Berchester street, between First street. and Telegraph Street, as proposed by the City Engineer; said grade being shown on a plan signed by said Engineer, dated Sep<sup>r</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1851 and deposited in the Office of the Mayor and Aldermen.

On the petition of William Pendergast Pendergast, for a sewer between Chelsea street and Orleans street, the Committee on Sewers and Drains reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Paving to Bennell whom was referred the petition of Alonzo W. Bennell to open a cellar doorway to his premises on Hanover street, report, that permission be granted him to make two openings in the sidewalk to cellar windows for the purpose of light and air providing they are not more than three feet in height, and not over eighteen inches in width from the building, and made safe with an iron grating to the satisfaction of the Committee on Paving. In the Committee, Billings Briggs, Chairman. Read and accepted.

On the petition of Benjamin Adams Adams, praying that the board would reconsider its vote taking



416 his land to widen Atkinson Street, it was voted to give the petitioner a hearing before the whole board on Monday next.

Stebbins

No person appearing to object to the intention of the City to take the land of Isaac Stebbins, on the corner of Charter and Hanover streets, the subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets with full power.

McNair

On the petition of Mary McNair to construct a coal hole under the sidewalk at N<sup>o</sup> 22 Hull Street, the Committee on Paving, reported, that leave be granted, on the usual conditions. Read and accepted.

Gollamore

On the petition of Robert Marsh, for G. W. Gollamore, to construct a cellar door to house N<sup>o</sup> 73 Salem Street the Committee on Paving reported that leave be granted. Read and accepted.

Haynes

On the petition of Charles Haynes, for leave to open a cellar door at N<sup>o</sup> 3 Canal Street, the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the board 417.  
of Mayors and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City  
Hall on Monday the Twenty second day of September, A.D. 1851

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Rogers  
and Kimball.

Petition of William F. Goodwin Goodwin.  
for leave to lay his sidewalk corner of School street and Chap. Kilham.  
man Place and the Remonstrance of Jonathan Kilham,  
and others, against the same, and a request for a hearing.  
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of James Salter, Salter  
for leave to construct a coal slide in North Margin Street.  
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of G. W. Collamore, Collamore  
for leave to alter a cellar door way, in Salem street, No. 69.  
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

The Committee on Paving, to Rayner  
whom was referred the petition of John Rayner for leave to  
construct a coal hole under the sidewalk in Hanover street,  
reported that the prayer of the petitioner be granted on the usual  
conditions. Read and accepted.

The hearing on the petition Adams  
of Benjamin Adams was further postponed to Monday next.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock P.M.



At a meeting of the board of  
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall  
on Monday the Twenty ninth day of September, A.D. 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Thatcher

Petition of A. E. Thatcher  
for the exclusive right to exhibit a Telescope in the Mall,  
opposite West street. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Brevort.

Petition of Henry Brevort, and

Watch. others that a new division of the Watch be established at East  
Boston. Referred to the Mayor.

Engine Co

Petition of Engine Co<sup>o</sup> No. 11. for the

No. 11.

use of a room to hold a meeting of said company to fill a  
vacancy. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Howe

Petition of George Howe, praying

Congress St. to be remunerated the damage he has sustained in conse-  
quence of raising the elevation of Congress street. Referred  
to the Committee on Streets.

Murphy

Petition of Jeremiah S. Murphy,

that a nuisance may be abated in Maverick street, occas-  
ioned by a vault. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Wentworth

Petition of Nichol Wentworth, and

others, to have the drain in Hawley street taken up and re-  
paired. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of David H. Blaney, 1419  
and others, to have Sumner Street graded from Maverick Sq. 29, 1831  
Square to Belmont Square and the side walks laid by the Blaney  
owners of the land. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

The Superintendent of common Sewers,  
Sewers presented schedules of the cost of constructing common  
Sewers in Fair Street, from Sumner Street north, - in Fair Street, & Castle St.  
also, in East Castle Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers  
and Drains.

Ordered, That the Register of Register  
Deeds be authorized, under the direction of Alderman Rogers, of Deeds,  
to cause copies of the Indexes in his office to be made, and that  
the expense thereof be charged to County expenses.

The bond of David P. King was Auctioneer  
approved and he was accordingly licensed as an Auctioneer.

Bernard M<sup>c</sup> Ginniskin was Police  
nominated and appointed a Police Officer subject to removal  
by the Board.

Alderman Rogers stated to the Atkinson  
board that the new buildings on Atkinson Street between Broad Street  
and Purchase Streets owned and erected by Levi A. Gwiley, Gwiley  
were found to project in the central portion from two to three  
and a half inches on each side, over the line of said Atkin=  
son street as recently laid out; making the street in this por=  
tion some five to seven inches narrower than it was designed  
to be; And the board on the recommendation of the Commit



1420. be on laying out and widening Streets having heard the  
Sep 29. 1851. statement, voted to take no action on the same.

First

that.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be directed forthwith to remove all obstructions from First street between A. & B. streets.

Shaw-

Exchange St:

On the petition of R. G. Shaw, and others, that Exchange Street be widened the Committee on Laying out and widening Streets, reported, that the measure proposed is inexpedient at the present time. Read and accepted.

Kimball-

Charles St.

The Committee on Laying out and widening Streets to whom was referred the petition of David Kimball, and others to have Charles Street continued to Trapp's place. Reported that of George Tannear and others that Tripp's place be continued to Hill Street, and of Walter Eddy, and others, that the lower part of Sudbury Street be widened, reported, that the several measures proposed are inexpedient at the present time. Read and accepted.

Friend

Street.

Homer-

Chace

William Clark.

Tripp's place.

Lock Square.

Friend Street.

John G. Salow,

and sixty others,

for J. Clark,

and eight others,

Chat E. Wiggins,

and twenty one others,

Benson Leavitt and twenty others,

Henry Beal and the heirs and devisees of J. Capen, in op-

The Committee on Laying

out and widening Streets, to whom were referred the several

petitions of William F. Homer and nineteen others, and of

James Cheever, and one hundred and ten others, in favor

of laying out a new Street thirty feet wide from Hancock

Tripp's place Street to Lock Square, the same being a continuation of

Lock Square. Friend Street, and also the Petitioners of John G. Salow,

and sixty others, for J. Clark, and eight others, Chat E. Wiggins,

and twenty one others, Benson Leavitt and twenty others,

Henry Beal and the heirs and devisees of J. Capen, in op-

position to the same, by leave to Report that they have since 1851  
heard the above parties at several different sittings and have <sup>Sept. 29, 1851.</sup>  
also carefully considered all the facts and arguments which  
have been brought forward, on the one side and on the other,  
or which have suggested themselves to their own minds. They  
are of opinion that the opening of a street as proposed, would  
very greatly promote the public safety and convenience, since  
from its direction and termini, it is apparent that it would  
essentially relieve the public travel which now passes through  
Union Street, and which, in the unanimous judgement of  
the petitioners, the remonstrants, and your Committee is, to say  
the least, as excessive and vexatious, during business hours,  
as in any other street in the city:—And they have indulg-  
ed the hope that, by proper effort in the right quarters, it could  
be made to appear that the same could be laid out at  
such a cost as would justify them in recommending the  
measure to the approval of the board. But such is not the  
case. Notwithstanding all the negotiations and efforts of the  
friends of the project, your Committee, on a careful review  
of the facts and estimates within their reach, are unani-  
mously of opinion that the expense to the city of the pro-  
posed thoroughfare would not fall short of \$2000, and might  
even exceed this sum:—And, as, in the present state of the  
finances, they do not deem it proper, or prudent to enter upon  
so large an expenditure for this object, they recommend that  
the several petitioners have leave to withdraw and that Mr.  
Henry Beals, who proposes to erect buildings on Ganer's Street  
be suffered to do so without further action or disturbance from  
this Board. In behalf of the Committee A. B. Leonard has accepted.



on Water to whom were referred the communication of the Cochituate Water Board of the 12<sup>th</sup> of June last in reference to the purchase of the Jamaica Pond Aqueduct, and the application of A. B. Thell and another to purchase water lots on the marsh Northwesterly of Tremont Road &c. have considered the same and ask leave to submit the enclosed Ordinance. An Ordinance in addition to an Ordinance providing for the care and management of the Boston Water Works In Common Council. Passed. Came up for concurrence. Read and passed in concurrence.

Myrtle  
Road.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets and he is hereby authorized to grade that portion of the Road lately laid out as a Highway between Myrtle Court and Grove Court, by beginning twenty feet from the westerly line of Myrtle Court, and continuing a regular grade to Grove Court as per plan and profile made by the City Engineer, dated the 29<sup>th</sup> inst, and set the edge stones, lay the side walks and pave the gutters.

Foster -  
Summer  
Street.

Whereas the lines of Summer Street were prospectively established by this Board by their Resolution passed March 27<sup>th</sup> 1848, and, in consideration of the same and of the widening of said street on its Southerly side, at its intersection with Washington Street, certain abutters entered into an agreement with said City to surrender to the same, free of cost, the land lying outside of said prospective lines, respectively belonging to them whenever the public convenience should require the said land to be taken, or the buildings on the same should be altered or pulled down by their respective

owners; And Whereas it is understood that William Foster, 423.  
assignee of John H. Ammons one of the signers of said agree-  
ment, is about altering or pulling down his estate on said  
Summer Street, it is therefore hereby Ordered, that due notice  
be given to the said William Foster, and all other parties in-  
terested in the premises, to appear at the Mayor & Aldermen's  
room on Monday October 6<sup>th</sup> next at 4 o'clock P.M. and show  
cause if any they have, why this Board should not proceed  
forthwith to take that portion of said estate which projects  
over the prospective lines of said street in accordance with  
said agreement.

The Committee on Laying Spokesfield.  
out and widening Streets report the following Order. For the Arnold St.  
Committee Henry B. Rogers, Chairman. Ordered, That this Board  
will accept Arnold Street, from Suffolk to Washington Street,  
whenever the same shall be graded and put in order to  
the satisfaction of the Committee on Laying out and widening  
Streets. Read, accepted and the order passed.

Ordered, That, until further Fire  
-or ordered by this Board the force and material of the Fire Department.  
Department be as follows, viz. For the City proper six engines  
with thirty six men each at the following locations. No. 1 in  
Purchase Street. No. 2 in Washington Street near Franklin School  
house. No. 3 in Everett Street. No. 4 in Charles Street. No. 5 in Com-  
mercial Street, near Marine Railway. No. 6 in East Street.  
Fire Hydrants with sixteen men each located as follows:  
No. 1 in Salem Street. No. 2 in Hudson Street. No. 3 in Third Street  
No. 4 in Tremont Street near Court. No. 5 in Suffolk Street near



1421. cannon and 2 Hook and Ladder Companies, one with turn-  
1832/251 -ly four and one with twelve men each one in Broad Street  
one near City Stables. For East Boston, Two Engines with  
thirty six men each, one in Paris Street and one on Eagle  
Street. One Engine Company with fifteen men near the Ship  
Yard, and one Hook & Ladder with twelve men N<sup>o</sup> 2. on  
Paris Street. For South Boston, Two Engines with thirty six  
men each, N<sup>o</sup> 16. on Broadway. N<sup>o</sup> 17. on Broadway.

Walkins. The Committee on Licenses re-  
1832/251 -ported that leave be granted to T. Walkins to open the Federal  
Street Theatre, on the payment of ten dollars per week, and  
compliance with the several conditions. And also that An-  
drew Macallister, be permitted to exhibit Magical entertain-  
-ments, at the same place, on the same terms and conditions.  
Read and accepted.

Washington 1832/251 -Petition of the Washington Artillery  
Artillery Co<sup>y</sup> company, for a larger room for the Armory. Referred to the  
Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence.  
Came up concurred.

Geist. Petition of Christian F. Geist, & others,  
for the use of the ward room of Ward N<sup>o</sup> 10 for the instruction  
of German Children. Referred to the Committee on Public  
Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Jenkins. Petition of Golon Jenkins, and others,  
for the use of the ward room in Ward 12 for the establishment  
of a school for Adults. Referred to the Committee on Public  
Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Ordered, That the Auditor 425

of Accounts be authorized to transfer Twenty thousand dollars <sup>April 24 1881</sup> from the Reserved Fund, to the appropriation for incidental <sup>appropriation</sup> expenses. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Ordered, That the Joint Spec = Rail Road and Committee on the Rail Road Celebration, be authorized and celebration requested to prepare and print an account of all the proceedings connected with the same - and that ten thousand copies be furnished for such distribution as may hereafter be directed by the City Council. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The reference by this board of Deer Island petition of the Directors of the House of Industry to respect. Island - ing the extension of the wharf at Deer Island - to the Com - mittee on Public Buildings, having been amended by the Common Council, by substituting in lieu of said Committee the Committee on the Institutions at South Boston and Deer Island. Came up for concurrence. Read and nonconcurred.

Ordered, that the Committee Primary on Public Buildings, be authorized to hire a building at East School Boston, for the term of three years for the accommodation of two Primary Schools; provided the rent of said building shall not exceed two hundred and fifty dollars per annum. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.



The order of this board respecting the furnishing of Hydrants in the streets of Charleston, having been amended by the Common Council, so that the same would read as follows, viz: Ordered, that the petition of A. Fotheringham, Jr. respecting Hydrants in the City of Charleston be referred to the Archduke Water Board with instruction to report on the expediency of the measure. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Rainford

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and appointing Messrs. Richard and Chapin with such as the Board of Alders and Filermen might, on a committee to consider the expediency of repairing and providing for the future care of the buildings on Rainford Island, or of surrendering the Island to the State. Came up for concurrence. Read and laid on the Table.

Burlingame

On the petition of Benjamin

Burlingame to move a building from Groton street to Tremont Street, the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Green

On the petition of John Green, Jr.

Green place to have a sewer laid in Lucas Place, the Committee on Sewers and Drains reported, that as said place is unaccepted by the city said petition be referred to the Committee on Internal Health. Read accepted and referred accordingly.

Swallow

On the petition of Edwin Swallow

for the grade of Endicott Street, and of S. Williams for leave to alter a cellar down way in Salem Street, the Committee

in Faring, reported, that the prayer of said petition be granted  
-ed. Read and accepted.

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On the petition of Thomas  
Hopkinson that the grade of Briggs Place be raised, the Com-  
-mittee on Faring, reported that no further action is necessary.  
Read and accepted.

On the petition of Mary Sperry  
-ay, for leave to erect a bulk head, on the corner of Gore  
and Southac street; of A. L. Puffer to insert iron grating  
in the sidewalk in Water Street; and of James Gullett to  
construct a coal slide in North Margin Street, the Com-  
-mittee on Faring, reported that leave be granted on the  
usual conditions. Read and accepted.

On the petition of Michael Gilfeather  
Gilfeather, for leave to construct a door way in Ontario Street  
near Water the Committee on Faring, reported leave to with-  
draw, said Street not being accepted by the City. Read and  
accepted.

The Joint Standing Commit- Burnham  
-tee on Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of  
Thomas O. B. Burnham Lafayette Burnham and Richard  
Burnham praying for a conveyance to the said Burnham  
and Richard of a lot of land on Peyton Street being lot  
numbered thirty six on a plan made by Alexander Badsworth  
and dated August 18, 1843. have duly considered the matter  
and beg leave to report that a deed of the said lot has been  
prepared under the direction of the City Solicitor, and that they  
are not aware of the existence of any objection to the execu-



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tion and delivery thereof by the City if the said Lafayette and Abigail give their own personal bond of indemnity to the City, and accordingly recommend the passage of the subjoined order. In the Committee, Billings Briggs Chairman. *pro tem*. Ordered, That the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized to affix the common Seal of the City to, and to execute acknowledge and deliver in behalf of the City the deed of conveyance to Lafayette and Abigail Burnham which has been prepared by the City Solicitor of said lot numbered thirty six, the said Lafayette and Abigail giving as they have agreed their individual bond in the penal sum of three thousand dollars conditioned that they shall indemnify and save harmless the City from and against any and all claims demands actions and causes of action and costs for by reason or on account of the agreement in their petition mentioned or any conveyance of said lot or any part thereof given in pursuance or on account of said agreement. In Common Council. Read, accepted and the order passed. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Adams- Agreeably to assignment Benjamin Adams appeared and opposed the widening of Robinson Street on the westerly side of said street, and presented documents and a plan recommending the widening on the eastern side. After which the board voted to view the premises on Wednesday next at 10 o'clock, A.M. John F. Eliot opposed the widening of said street on the easterly side thereof.

Petition of Joseph E. Richardson 1129.  
to be appointed a Police officer. Referred to the Mayor Richardson

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P. M.

At a Special meeting of the  
Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at  
City Hall on Tuesday the Thirtieth day of September A. D. 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Grant  
and Holtzck.

Whereas several cases of sudden death have occurred in certain tenements on Sea Street  
Street belonging to Solomon Piper, Moses Merrifield and Thomas Piper  
as Richardson, and the Board having this day viewed the same  
and being satisfied that the number of persons occupying  
said premises is a cause of nuisance and sickness  
and that the said premises are not furnished with vaults  
constructed according to the provisions of the ordinance relat-



430 ing to the public health, failed August 20<sup>th</sup> 1850 nor with  
sufficient pipe and drains under ground, for waste water,  
declare the same to be unfit places of habitation and in-  
jurious to the public health, and they, therefore, order, under  
the powers invested in them as a Board of Health, that a  
notice in writing be issued to the inhabitants of said premises  
that they remove from and quit said premises within five  
days from the date hereof. And that the City Marshal be  
and he hereby is entrusted with the execution of this order.  
Also it is further Ordered, that notice be given to the said Sol-  
omon Piper, Thomas Richardson, and Moses Merrifield,  
that they cleanse said premises and remove all nuisances  
consisting of filth rubbish and offensive matter in and  
around the same, within two days from the date hereof, and,  
in case of their refusal or neglect so to do, that the City  
Marshal be and he hereby is directed to cleanse and  
remove the same forthwith under the direction of the  
Committee on Internal health, and at the expense of said  
Piper, Merrifield, and Richardson.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P. M.

Monson 11. October 1. 1851 The board proceeded to view Monson street.

At a Special meeting of the 431

Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held  
at City Hall on Thursday the Second day of October, A.D. 1851

Present,

The Mayor, Aldermen Rogers, Huggs, Black and Smith.

Whereas it appears to this Board

that a certain estate situated on Gough Place and Gough place  
belonging to Thomas Lord, the same being private property, is in  
a state of nuisance and dangerous to the health of the in-  
habitants; it is therefore Ordered, that a notice in writing be  
given to the said Lord that he cause the nuisance existing  
on said premises and consisting of filthy water to be removed  
within twenty four hours after the service hereof, at his  
own expense.

Ordered, That the Supervisor Lucas  
tendant of common Sewers be and he is hereby authorized, placed  
and directed to construct a common sewer in Lucas Place  
from Suffolk to Washington Streets, and on the completion of  
the same to report to this Board a schedule of the estates  
benefitted thereby, together with the quantity of land, and the  
valuation thereof; And it is also further Ordered, that the  
costs for the construction of said common sewer be paid out  
of the appropriation for Internal Health.

Whereas this Board has

examined certain premises on the easterly corner Stillman  
of Stillman and Endicott Street belonging to Sydney B. Endicott  
Morse, and under his care or custody, is satisfied that the cellars  
of the same now occupied as dwelling places are



432. unfit for the purpose and a cause of nuisance or sickness  
both to the occupants and the public. Now therefore it is Ordered  
that notice in writing be given forthwith to the tenants and  
occupants of said cellar rooms, that they remove from and  
quit the same within ten days from the date hereof. And the  
City Marshal is hereby directed to attend to the execution of  
this order. It is also further Ordered, that notice in writing  
be given to the above named Sydney B. Morse that he cause  
the drains and privies on said estate to be cleansed made  
free and put in good repair, and all dirt, filth, offensive mat-  
ter or other nuisance on the same to be removed within ten  
days from the date hereof; and, in case of neglect or refusal  
for the space of said ten days, that the City Marshal be &  
he hereby is directed forthwith to cleanse, make free, repair  
and remove the same under the direction of the Committee  
on Internal Health, and at the expense of the said Morse.

Stone, Whereas this Board, having ex-  
Stillman amined certain premises numbrud Eighteen on Stillman  
Street and owned by Phineas A. Stone & under his care and  
custody, is satisfied that the cellar rooms in rear of the same,  
now occupied as dwelling places, are unfit for the purpose and  
a cause of nuisance or sickness both to the occupants and the  
public. it is therefore Ordered that notice in writing be forth-  
with given to the tenants and occupants of said cellar  
rooms that they remove from and quit the same within ten  
days from the date hereof. And the City Marshal is hereby  
directed to attend to the execution of this order. It is also  
further Ordered that notice in writing be given to the above

named Phineas J. Stone, that he cause the drains and sewer 433.  
on said estate to be cleansed, made free and put in good  
repair and all dirt, filth, offensive matter or other nuisance  
on the same to be removed within ten days from the date  
hereof, and in case of neglect or refusal so to do for the space  
of said ten days that the City Marshal be and he hereby  
is directed forthwith to cleanse, make free, repair and remove  
the same under the direction of the Committee on Internal  
Health and at the expense of the said Stone.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock. P.M.

At a Special meeting of the  
Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at  
City Hall on Friday the Third day of October, Anno Domini, 1851.

Present

The Mayor Aldermen Rogers, Briggs, Munroe and Clark.

Whereas, by an order passed by said  
this Board on the Second day of October instant, it was de-  
clared that a certain estate situated on South Place and  
owned by Thomas Lord, the same being private property, was in  
a state of nuisance, and dangerous to the health of the inhabi-  
tants and it was then and thereby ordered that notice be



234. ordering to give to said Lord to cause the said nuisance then existing in said premises and consisting of filthy water to be removed within twenty four hours from the date of the service of said order aforesaid: And whereas it appears that due notice was given to said Lord pursuant to said order, and that the said Lord has neglected to cause the said nuisance to be removed, and that the same still remains a nuisance as before; and whereas the said term of twenty four hours has expired: it is therefore Ordered that the City Marshal be and he is hereby directed to cause the said nuisance to be removed forthwith by opening and repairing the drain leading from said premises to the common sewer in South Margin Street at the expense of the said Lord.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the board of  
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City  
Hall on Monday the sixth day of October, Anno Domini 1851.  
Present

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Hyt.

Petition of David Hyt,  
and others, to have a nuisance abated on Webster Street,  
occasioned by stagnant water. Referred to the Committee on  
Internal Health.

Petition of Thomas Lord & 435.

others, to have the name of Lane Street altered to Myrtle Street & October 6 1851  
and that said street be accepted and the abutters to lay out  
the side walks. Referred to the Committee on naming streets  
and laying out and widening Streets.

Petition of John Bacon, Bacon

and others, to have a drain cleared between Stillman and  
Cooper streets. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of John Griggs, agent Griggs

for the heirs of Sarah Davis, for leave to repair a drain in  
Lenox Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of Sylvanus Cobb, and Cobb

others, to have a sewer laid in Webster Street. Referred to the  
Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of Laurence Russell Russell

to have lamps placed and lighted in Fabian Street. Referred to  
the Committee on Lamps.

Petition of Enoch Saunders, and Saunders

others, to be appointed to take charge of engine No. 11. Referred  
to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Petition of E. P. Waste, &c to be Waste &c

licensed to run Omnibuses from Court Street to Northampton Street.  
Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Ann Maxwell Maxwell

and Thomas C. Emory Jr. proprietors of estate on Wells Street - Emory.  
to have the well in said street filled up. Referred to the Committee on Paving



October 6, 1851. Others to have Fulton street, between Richmond and Lewis  
Stone. Street, repaved. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Titcomb.

Petition of Robert Titcomb,

Lloyd.

and others, that the new grade of Gates Street may be adopted. Francis Lloyd and others, that the sidewalks in  
Washington street, between East Canton and Brookline street,  
may be laid. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Saunderson.

Petition of Albert Saunderson,

for leave to construct a cellar door way in the sidewalk next  
to his store corner of Portland and Ivers streets; Also one at No.  
62 Portland street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Cadets.

Communication of the Independent

company of Cadets, respecting their Armory at Faneuil  
Hall. Read and referred to the Committee on Public Build-  
ings. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

McManus

Petition of Patrick McManus, &amp;

others, to be reimbursed for the expense of a lawsuit in which  
the City was interested. Referred to the Committee on Paving,  
with such as the Common Council may join. Sent down  
for concurrence.

Jackson.

This board refused to grant the

Faneuil

petition of Francis Jackson, and others, for the use of Faneuil  
Hall for one week from the 21<sup>st</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> next, for the purpose of  
holding an "Anti Slavery Fair."

Petition of William P. Ten- 437.

ney & Co and others respecting the location of the Hay Scale, Oct 6 1851  
was read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Report of the City Physician Physician

for the quarter ending the first day of October instant. Read  
and sent down.

On the petition of William R. Special

Stacy President of the Washington Total Abstinence Society the Police  
Mayor nominated and the board confirmed Gilbert H. Gleason Officers  
Stewart French and Stephen R. Dowers as Special Police officers  
at Washingtonian Hall in Bromfield street.

The order of this board House of

passed March 27 of August last respecting the enlargement of location  
the Female Work Room at the House of Correction, was recon-  
sidered.

Agreeably to notice William Foster.

Foster appeared and made a statement in relation to the Summer St.  
diminution of his estate for the purpose of widening Sum-  
mer Street. - After which hearing the papers relating to the  
matter were laid on the Table.

Ordered, That "An act in City

relation to the organization and powers of the City Council of Council.  
the City of Boston," passed on the 24<sup>th</sup> day last be printed  
in the usual newspapers until the day of the next annual  
election. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.



A message was received from  
 Oct. 6. 1851 the Common Council proposing that a Convention of the City  
 Representatives Council be held in the room of the Common Council on Thurs-  
 day evening next, at eight o'clock, for the purpose of determin-  
 ing the number of Representatives it is expedient for this  
 City to send to the next General Court. Read and thereupon,  
 Ordered, that a message be sent to inform the Common Coun-  
 cil, that this board concurs in its proposition to form a Conven-  
 tion at the time, and for the purpose above expressed.

Shaw  
 Frothingham - Whereas by a Resolve passed  
 Washington of land on Washington Street was taken from Samuel Shaw &  
 Street. N. L. Frothingham and wife and laid out as a public street,  
 and it has been ascertained that the description of said  
 land by metes and bounds is erroneous, it is therefore Ordered,  
 that said resolve be reconsidered and the same is hereby  
 cancelled and made void and of no effect. - It is also Order-  
 ed, that a notice in writing to the above named parties, to  
 quit the land aforesaid within a certain time therein spec-  
 ified, which was also passed by this Board on the fifth day  
 of May last, be and the same is hereby reconsidered, cancel-  
 led and made of no effect.

Shaw.  
 Frothingham. Whereas an order to pay Hon.  
 Samuel Shaw Seventeen Hundred and seventy four dollars  
 for land taken to widen Washington Street, which was passed  
 by this Board on the fourth day of August last, and also  
 an order to pay N. L. Frothingham and Wife Fifteen Hundred  
 and fifty three dollars for land taken to widen the same

Street, which was passed by this Board on the eighteenth day of 439  
August last, are erroneous, in consequence of a mistake in the Oct. 6. 1851.  
calculation of the contents of said land, it is therefore, Ordered  
that the Orders aforesaid be and the same hereby are reconsid-  
ered, cancelled, and made void and of no effect.

Resolved, That the safety Washington  
and convenience of the Inhabitants of this City require that Street.  
the Easterly side of Washington Street, near Suffolk Place New-  
should be widened, and for that purpose it is necessary to take, Frothingham  
and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a  
parcel of land belonging to Samuel Shaw and N. T. Frothing-  
ham and wife bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at the  
Southeasterly corner of the same, at a point on the Northerly  
line of Suffolk Place and on a line drawn straight with  
the Easterly line of that part of Washington Street, which is  
next to and Southerly from Suffolk Place; thence Northerly  
on a straight line forty nine feet and thirty six hundredths  
of a foot, to the Southerly corner of the granite front of No 246  
on Washington Street; thence Westwardly along the Northerly side  
of building No 248 Washington Street, four feet and twenty one  
hundredths of a foot; thence along the Easterly side of Washing-  
ton Street, by a line, not perfectly straight, fifty feet and forty  
four hundredths of a foot to Suffolk Place; and thence East-  
wardly along the Northerly side of Suffolk Place five feet  
and thirteen hundredths of a foot to the point of beginning;  
containing two hundred and fifty three square feet, and  
twenty two hundredths of a square foot, more or less; taking  
from said Shaw one hundred and twenty four square feet.



440 and twenty nine hundredths of a square foot, and from  
Oct 1851 said Frothingham and wife one hundred and twenty eight  
square feet and forty three hundredths of a square foot. And  
Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this  
Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid,  
as appears by the return hereunto annexed, It is therefore  
Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the  
same hereby is taken and laid out as a public street or way  
of the said City according to a plan of the said taking made  
by E. J. Westbrook dated September 29<sup>th</sup> 1851 and deposited in  
the Office of the said Mayor and Aldermen.

Shaw, Whereas this Board, by a Res-  
olution passed this day has taken a certain parcel of land,  
Washington therein described, lying on Washington Street and laid out  
street. the same as a public street or way of said City, it is there-  
fore Ordered, That due notice be given to Lemuel Shaw,  
N. F. Frothingham and Wife and all other persons interested  
as owners, proprietors, tenants, occupants, or otherwise, in said  
land that they cut off, pull down, remove and carry away  
all buildings, erections and obstructions of every sort stand-  
ing on and projecting over the line of said Washington Street,  
as established by the decree aforesaid, or move and set back  
the same to the said line, and vacate and surrender the  
land and premises taken as aforesaid on or before the Six-  
teenth day of October instant, now next ensuing. And in  
testament thereof the City Marshal is hereby directed and  
empowered forthwith to enter upon said land and cause all  
buildings, erections and obstructions standing on and pro-

...ecting over the line of said Harrington Street, as established 441  
by the Resolve aforesaid, to be cut off, pulled down, removed Oct. 6. 1851.  
and carried away, & to be moved and set back to said line,  
and the said land to be vacated and surrendered under  
the direction of the Committee on laying out and widening streets.

Ordered, That there be paid Parker:  
to Peter Parker, Esquire, the sum of Nine hundred and seventy Congress  
five Dollars for land taken to widen Congress Street, upon his Street.  
giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance  
and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in conse=  
quence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the  
appropriation for laying out and widening Streets.

Ordered, That there be paid Shaw-  
to Hon. Lemuel Shaw the sum of Seventeen hundred and forty Washington  
eight <sup>75</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars for land taken to widen Washington Street, near Street.  
Suffolk Place, upon his giving to the City, a Deed for the same,  
and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and  
expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be  
charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening Street.

Ordered, That there be paid Frothingham.  
to N. L. Frothingham and Wife the sum of Fourteen hundred & Washington  
ninety six dollars for land taken to widen Washington Street near Street.  
Suffolk Place, upon his giving to the City, a Deed for the same,  
and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and  
expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be  
charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening Street.



Oct. 6. 1851. of accounts requesting that a permanent Clerk be employed in Auditor his office. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on Accounts. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Missionary  
Society

Petition of Boston Missionary So-

cety for a deed of land in Suffolk St. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on Public Lands. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

New England

Communication from the Architu-

Glas. Co.

rate Water Board, transmitting an application from the New England Glas. Company, for the use of the Archituate Water. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on Water. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Little.

Petition of E. H. Little, & others,

Ward 5.

that the ward room in Ward 5. be lighted with gas. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on Public Buildings. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Hartshorn

The Committee on Sewers and

Drains reported a reference of the petition of E. T. Hartshorn respecting a drain in Cambridge Street to the next board of Mayor and Aldermen. Read and accepted.

Grand

The Committee on Paving report-

Jury

ed a reference of the petition of the Grand Jury of the County of Suffolk, respecting placing lan around the Court House to the next board of Mayor and Aldermen. Read and accepted.

Ordered, That the sum of 443.

Ten dollars be and the same is hereby deducted from the apportionment Oct. 6 1851 laid upon the estate of Henry Homer, in his professional part of the Homer constructing a common sewer in E. - End, between South and Fifth Streets, he having paid for a drain in said E. end some years since.

On the petition of William Goodwin & Goodwin and the remonstrance of Nathan Kilham, respecting the sewer a sidewalk in Chapman Place, - of J. J. Bailey that Foster Street be repaired, from Richmond to State Street, of Benjamin Samson Samson to have Webster Street graded, - of Stephen Dunbar Dunbar to have a future walk laid in Meridian Street, - of Wm White White for flagging stones in Liberty Square. the Committee on Paving reported, that no further action is necessary on the same. Read and accepted.

On the petition of the Boston Refinery, Sugar Refinery, to have Perry Street, at East Boston, graded. Parker of Albert Bowker, and others, to have Sumner and Faneuil Street graded, - of Studerant and Edwards, to have Merid. Rich. Mayan Street graded, - of Richard Rich, to have the grade of Marshall Bennington Street determined, - of David Morgan to have Park Street Everett Street graded, - of L. B. Sturman to have Elliot Street repaired, - of Richard Soule, & and others to have Meridian Street paved, - and of Samuel Hall for an iron fence around Harrick Square, the committee on Paving reported that no further action is necessary on the same. Read & accepted.

The Committee on Paving, on the Petition of James B. Dow to the grade of Emerald and Middle



144. Still, reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

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Ford, The Committee on Paving East Boston is when was referred the petition of Benjamin Ford, that signs be placed at the corners of the streets at East Boston. Reported, that leave be granted. Read and accepted.

Walker, The Committee on Paving, re-  
Brooks - pated leave to withdraw on the petitions of Jane E. Walker  
Knowles. to have College Street graded, of Charles Brooks to have East  
Street place paved, of Thomas Knowles, and then to have  
Border Street graded. Read and accepted.

Lynch, Page, The Committee on Sewers and  
Thackford, Dunn reported leave to withdraw on the several petitions of  
Jane Thomas Lynch, Gilman Page, Richard Thackford, Jane &  
Montworth, Carlton and Ruth Montworth. Read and accepted.

Harre Whereas, pursuant to an Order  
Street of this Board passed on the Twelfth day of May 1851. public  
notice thereof having first been given a common sewer has  
been constructed in Harre that with of summer that the  
cost of which was four hundred and ninety one dollars  
and twenty nine cents, one quarter part whereof being deduct-  
ed to be paid by the said city, there remains three hundred  
and fifty eight dollars & 40 to be charged a pro rata benefit  
as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged & assessed  
with the sums therein set to their respective names, as  
their proportional part of the expense of the said sewer,

and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof 445.  
given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Oct. 6. 1851.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of the Board, passed on the fifth day of May last, public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in Paris Street from Henry to Beadon Street, the cost of which was Two hundred and ninety three dollars and fifty seven cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Two hundred and twenty dollars  $\frac{11}{100}$  to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportionate part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of the Board of this Board, passed on the twenty third day of June last, a Common Sewer has been constructed in East Castle Street, the cost of which was One hundred and sixty three dollars and sixty four cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains One hundred and twenty two  $\frac{73}{100}$  to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their propor-



146 Second part of the expense of the said race and the same  
Oct. 6, 1851. is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties  
against whom amounts are claimed.

March 1851.

Ordered, That the thanks of the

City Council be presented to Major General John G. Tyler, his  
Staff and Marshals for the very prompt, able, and efficient dis-  
charge of their various duties in the arrangement, formation  
and direction of the procession on the occasion of the recent  
Railway Celebration. Resolved in Common Council came up for  
concurrence. Read and concurred.

Mechanics &c.

Ordered, That the thanks of

the City Council be presented to the Mechanics, Artisans, Manu-  
facturers, and all the various Trades and Associations who  
so generously and materially contributed by their presence, and  
by the elegant exhibition of their skill, to the rare splendor  
and interest of the last day of the recent Railway Jubilee.  
Resolved in Common Council came up for concurrence. Read  
and concurred.

Military

Ordered, That the thanks of the

City Council be presented to Brigadier General Samuel Andrews  
of the First Brigade, First Division of the Massachusetts Militia,  
and to all of his Command, for the alacrity with which they  
accepted the invitation of the Municipal Authorities to lead  
the Civic Procession on the last day of the recent Railway  
celebration, and for the brilliant and soldierlike manner  
in which that fatiguing duty was performed.

Harnden &c.

Resolved, That the

City

thanks of the City Council are due and are hereby tendered to  
Messrs Harnden and Company, Agents of the Ocean Steamship





The question of reconsidering the vote of the first of September last taking the land of Benjamin St. John Adams for the purpose of widening Atkinson Street, having come before the board this day, the same was decided in the negative.

Adjourned

At a meeting of the board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Thursday the Ninth day of October, Anno Domini. 1851.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Rogers and Grant.

In Convention.

Representatives.

Agreeably to assignment

Convention the two branches of the City Council met in Convention, in the Chamber of the Common Council, for the purpose of determining the number of Representatives it is expedient for the City to send to the next General Court. The following Order and Order passed, viz<sup>t</sup> Resolved by the Mayor Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Boston in Convention assembled, that it is expedient for the City to send forty four Representatives to the next General Court. Ordered that the City Clerk be directed to publish this determination. The business of the Convention being accomplished, the two branches separated.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the board 449.

of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall  
on Monday the Thirtieth day of October, Anno Domini. 1851

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Alderman Smith.

Communication from Lucas  
the Superintendent of Common Sewers, that, in compliance with Place  
the Orders of the Board, he has caused a common sewer to  
be constructed in Lucas Place, from Washington to Suffolk Street,  
the cost of which amounted to Four hundred and seven dollars,  
and fifty two cents and is assessed upon the estates benefited, as  
per schedule. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains  
with authority to consult the City Solicitor.

Memorial of Stephen Child, & Child  
showing respecting laying out a new Street from Washington Street  
nearly opposite Florence to Tremont Street, forty feet wide. Referred  
to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Moses Williams, to Williams  
be paid for taking his land to widen Cross Street. Referred to  
the Committee on Streets.

Petition of the heirs of Isaac Dupee  
Dupee to have an obstruction removed in the drain owned  
in common with on Donald Hearn's heirs, at No. 5 Prince  
Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Drainage.

Petition of Walter Bryant for Bryant  
an abatement of a nuisance in Dedham Street in the rear



450 Between Clement and Suffolk Street caused by stagnant water  
Oct. 13, 1851. -<sup>ter</sup> Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

James Petition of Benjamin James, to  
have Dorchester Street graded between Fourth and Sixth  
Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Stetson Petition of Alpheus M. Stetson, for  
leave to remove a wooden building from G. Street to Broadway.  
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Knickerbocker Petition of R. F. Thomas  
Agent for Knickerbocker for a license for the Circus Theatre.  
Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Hayes Petition of J. H. Wardwell,  
for a license for Miss Catharine Hayes, to give a series of  
concerts at Clement Temple. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Chase Petition of Charles I. Chase, for a  
license to exhibit a group of Wax Figures. Referred to the  
Committee on Licenses.

Twitcheil On the petition of C. M. A. Twitcheil  
Orleans St. -<sup>all</sup>, and others, to have a nuisance abated occasioned by  
a pool of filthy water near Orleans Street, on the southerly  
side of Maverick Street; - The Committee on Internal Health  
have examined the above alleged nuisance, and report,  
that it consists of a quantity of sea water, covering a marsh  
of some ten or twelve acres in extent which prevented from  
returning to the Sea at low tide, excepting through a small  
cut by an embankment of earth, near Maverick Street, -

and that the same can only be abated by filling up the 451  
whole territory to the level of said street. They report further Oct 13 1851  
that said Marsh land is now unoccupied, except by a few  
houses near Orleans Street, and that action by this Board  
at this time is inexpedient. For the Committee, Henry B. Rogers  
Chairman. Read and accepted.

Ordered, That the Mayor be Roxbury.  
requested to write to the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Dorchester.  
Roxbury, and to the Selectmen of the Towns of Dorchester and Brookline.  
Brookline, and invite them to meet the Mayor and Aldermen of  
of this City, on the lines of the said City of Roxbury, and said  
towns of Dorchester and Brookline adjoining this City (com-  
mencing with Dorchester) on Saturday the fifteenth day of No-  
vember next, at ten o'clock A.M. for the purpose of running the  
lines between said Roxbury, Dorchester, Brookline and this  
City. And that Aldermen Rogers, Kimball and Clark be a  
Committee to make arrangements to carry the foregoing into  
effect.

Ordered, That the Superinten. Bowdoin  
-dent of Streets be authorized to repair the gutters in Bowdoin street.  
Street, and make such alteration in the grade and width  
of the sidewalk, and such other repairs in said street as  
shall be necessary for the safety and convenience for public  
travel.

Ordered, That there be paid Adams.  
to Benj<sup>n</sup> Adams, Esquire the sum of five hundred ninety Federal \$  
seven <sup>52</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars for land taken to widen Federal Street, being  
part of the Gragg estate, upon his giving to the City a Deed  
for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all



452. damages costs and expenses in consequence of said taking;  
Oct. 13. 1851 and that the same be charged to the appropriation for lay-  
-ing out and widening Streets.

Gould. Ordered, That there be paid  
Goodwin. to William K. Gould of Brooklyn in Kings County in the State  
Bigelow. of New York and Matilda K. Gould, his wife, in her right, and  
School street. William F. Goodwin and George S. Bigelow, of said Boston, ten-  
-ants of said Gould, five hundred and forty nine <sup>48</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars  
for land taken to widen School Street, corner of Chapman Place  
upon their giving to the City a deed for the same, and an  
acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses  
in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charg-  
ed to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets.

Myrtle  
Court Ordered, That Myrtle Court  
be accepted by the City and laid out as a highway ac-  
-cording to its present boundary, and that said Court here-  
-after be called and known as Myrtle Street, and that the  
Superintendent of Streets be authorized to make such alterations  
in the grade of the Court and sidewalks as the City Engineer  
in his judgement may think the safety and convenience of  
the public require.

Warrants  
for Ward  
meetings. Ordered, That Warrants be is-  
-sued for meetings of the qualified voters to be held in their  
several Wards, on Monday, the tenth day of November next,  
being the second Monday in said month at 8 o'clock A.M.  
then and there to give in their ballots for Governor, Lieutenant  
Governor, Six Senators for the District of Suffolk and forty four  
Representatives, to represent the City in the next General Court

of this Commonwealth, that being the number determined in 1853  
by the City Council. All the foregoing to be voted for on one ballot  
ballot, and to be enclosed in an envelope, according to law.  
Also, at the same time and place, to give in their votes, by  
ballot, upon the following question, viz: "Is it expedient that  
Delegates should be chosen to meet in Convention for the purpose  
of revising or altering the Constitution of Government of this  
Commonwealth." Also, to see if they will accept an act of  
the Legislature of this Commonwealth, entitled "An Act in  
relation to the Organization and Powers of the City Council of  
the City of Boston," passed May 21, 1851. The Polls to be kept open  
until four o'clock, P.M.

Petition of Michael Grant, for Grant.  
a license to erect and use a Steam Engine and boiler. Referred to the  
Committee on Steam Engines.

Petition of Jonathan Amory, Amory  
agent for the "Baker" furnace, respecting consuming smoke. Referred  
to the Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of Joel Wheeler and Wheeler  
others to have the name of Suffolk Street between State Street Suffolk St.  
and Roxbury line, changed to Shawmut Avenue. Referred to  
Aldermen Kimball, Clark & Smith.

Petition of John Henry & Inspectors  
others to be re-appointed Inspectors and Fishers of herring. Referred  
to the Mayor.

Ordered, That the Supervisor of Street.  
Commissioner of Street be authorized to grade 4<sup>th</sup> Street from First  
Street to the Sea wall now erecting, about three hundred feet  
north of First Street.



The following named persons

Oct. 13 1851 were nominated and appointed Watchmen viz Samuel W. Watchmen Wharf, Joseph G. Atkins, George A. Allen, Moses W. Goddard, J. B. Brown, William Dyer, and J. C. Hutchins, Isaac W. Noy, J. Kimball, G. M. Saunders, and Daniel B. Hayes, & Robert Trent.

City Marshal The report of the City Marshal for the quarter ending Sep<sup>r</sup> 30 1851 was read, ordered to be printed and sent down to the Common Council.

Bennett, Thomas Bennett, upon the nomination of the Mayor was appointed a Special Police officer for Faneuil Hall Market.

Green On the petition of John Green for the Committee on Internal Health reported that a sewer had been laid in Lucas Place according to the rule of this board. Read and accepted.

Ames, The Committee on Internal Health reported that it is not expedient to grant the prayer of the petition of J. D. Ames; that no further action is necessary on the petitions of Jeremiah S. Murphy, Daniel Munroe, and Henry Ganger. Read and accepted.

Griggs, The Committee on Sewers and Drains reported leave to withdraw on the petition of John Griggs and others, and that no further action is necessary on the petitions of Charles W. Grace, William Egan, and Daniel Bartlett. Read and accepted.

Huller The Committee on Paving, to whom was referred the petition of J. S. Huller asking leave to con-

duct coal hole vaults under sidewalk of Estate A. S. Franklin 455.

And, report that the prayer of the petition be granted on the usual conditions. In the Committee. *Oct 13/1851* Briggs Chairman.

Read and accepted.

The Committee on Paving re- Maxwell, report that leave be granted on the petition of John Maxwell, May, and Thomas C. Amory, Jr and Paul Adams and others. Read Adams and accepted.

Ordered, That Messrs E. Lincoln, Marginal, Alder and Collier, with such as the Mayor and Aldermen Rail Road, may join, be a Committee to consider and report upon the expediency of applying to the Legislature for authority to build a Rail Road track on the marginal streets of the city, to connect the several Rail Road Depots with the various wharves in the city, *to be used with horse power exclusively for the purpose of saving the transportation of heavy goods across the city.* Said Committee to have power to employ the city Engineer to make plans, estimates &c for the proposed track. Referred in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and Aldermen Briggs and Collier were joined.

Ordered, That the Committee on Water Water be instructed to inquire and report, by ordinance or Rules, otherwise, whether any alteration is necessary in the provisions of the ordinance in relation to Water rates, when several rates are assessed together by the Assessor. Referred in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.



Ordered, That the thanks of the City Council be presented to N. B. Gordon Esq. President of the Fall River River Railroad Company, for the voluntary offer and gratuitous Railroad to use of the Special Train of Cars run for the accommodation of the President of the United States and his Suite, from Fall River to Boston, at the late Railway Jubilee; and also for his judicious conduct in making arrangements for the comfort and convenience of the President by furnishing an extra Steamer from Newport to Fall River. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Fall River Railroad  
Ordered, That the thanks of the City Council be presented to George A. Kern Esq. Superintendent of the Fall River Rail Road, for his valuable and efficient aid to the Committee Appointed by the City Authorities to accompany the President of the United States from New York to Boston, on the occasion of the recent Railway Jubilee. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Grand Junction and other Rail Roads  
Resolved, That the thanks of the City Council are eminently due and they are hereby tendered to the President and Directors of the Grand Junction Rail Road and Depot Company and of the several lines of Railroad between Boston and the Canadas, for the ample and gratuitous arrangements made by them respectively, for the convenience of all who were invited to visit Boston at the recent Railway Celebration and for the solicited attention rendered by the several Superintendents and Conductors to all who passed over their routes. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.





Sept 25 1851. Darnes, and others respecting a suit at law vs them, the Common Council nonconcurred with this board in the commitment of said petition, and referred the same to Messrs Sever, Allen and Putnam with such as the board of Mayor and Aldermen may join, came up for concurrence. Read and this board receded from its former vote and concurred with the Common Council, and Aldermen Briggs and Smith were joined.

Washington

The Superintendent of Common

Water Sews, reported the cost of and a statement for the construction of common sewers in Washington Water, Evans & McLean streets. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains

Montreal.

The Mayor presented to the board an address engrossed on parchment and accompanied with the City Seal, from the Corporation of the City of Montreal to the Municipal Authorities of Boston, which was read and sent down to the Common Council and ordered to be provided with an appropriate frame, and to be hung in the City Hall. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Deer

The Common Council having

insisted on its former vote on the communication of the Directors of the House of Industry respecting the Wharf at Deer Island, thereby nonconcurring with this board, and the same having come up for concurrence, the subject was laid on the Table.

The Committee on Licenses rec- 459.

recommended that licenses for certain Trucks, Trucking, carriages, Carriages & Handcarts and Wagons, be transferred and granted, which were accordingly confirmed by this Board.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the Twentieth day of October, 1851

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Petition of William F. Goodwin

Goodwin for leave to make coal holes under the sidewalk in Bromfield Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of S. S. Snow, for a li- Snow

cence to keep Swine at East Boston. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of E. Forristall, and Forristall

others, for leave to establish and run a line of Omnibuses from the Custom House to various points of the city. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.



Petition of William & Barstow  
et al 1851. for a fountain in Merrick Square East  
Boston. Referred to the committee on Public, with full pow-  
er. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Barlow

Petition of Barlow and Fines,  
for a license as dealers in Second hand articles, at No 98  
Broad Street. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Spring  
Lane.

Ordered, That the Superintendent  
of Streets be directed to close immediately an opening in the  
sidewalk to the estate No 5 Spring Lane, and close all other  
openings in the side walks in said lane, or otherwise make  
them safe for public travel.

Street.

Ordered, That the Superintend-  
ent of common sewers, be and he is hereby authorized to  
extend the common sewer in F. street, South Boston, through  
the Sea wall, now being built by Noah Brooks, and others.

Liburn.

Suffolk St.

Petition of Daniel J. Liburn, and  
others, owners and occupants of houses on the westerly bound-  
ary of Suffolk Street between Cotton and Millard Streets,  
to be remunerated the damage they have sustained in  
consequence of altering the grade of said street. Referred  
to the Committee on Paving.

Marshall

& Home  
Streets

The Superintendent of common  
sewers presented the cost of the construction of the common sewer  
on Marshall and Home streets, and schedules of the assess-  
ments for the same. Referred to the Committee on Sewers & Drains.

Petition of A. Master, and 461.

Shew to have a gas lamp lighted at the entrance of Gibbons Court. Referred to the Committee on Lamps. Master

Petition of Members of

Hook and Ladder Company No 2 East Boston, for some more convenient room for their apparatus. Referred to the Committee on Ladders to the Fire Department.

Petition of G. W. Gerrish for Gerrish

a common sewer in Federal street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

The Committee on Sewers Lucas

and Drains having reported that the schedule and assessments for the construction of a sewer in Lucas Place ought to be revised; - The Superintendent of common sewers presented a revised schedule of the cost of constructing said sewer and of the estates benefitted thereby - which was read and referred to the Committee on Sewers & Drains. Place.

The Report of the Committee Frothingham

Water Board, being document No 54, stating that it is inappropriate to grant the petition of A. Frothingham & associates for drains in the City of Charlestown. Accepted in Common Council. Same up for concurrence. Read and laid on the table.

The ballots being taken and City

counted for a city engine it appeared that Mr. J. H. Brough was elected in concurrence with the Common Council.

The ballots being taken and Water

counted for a Water Engineer it appeared that J. H. Brough was elected.



462. and was elected in concurrence with the Common Council.  
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Chase.

The Committee on Licenses reported, that a license is granted to Charles Chase, to exhibit Wax Statuary. Read and accepted.

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The Committee on Licenses reported, that a license be granted to Herr Kist, to exhibit feats of strength, on the usual conditions and the payment of ten dollars per week. And to Miss Catherine Kuge, for a series of lectures, on the usual condition and the payment of twenty dollars per week. Read & accepted.

Child

Memorial of Stephen Child,

and others, respecting a New Street from Washington Street nearly opposite to Finance Hall to Beacon Street and request to the Committee on laying out and widening Streets, with instructions to report an order for laying out of said street.

Grant.

On the petition of Michael Grant for leave to erect a Steam Engine and boiler near Swan and South Boston the Committee on Steam Engines and Boilers reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Police

On nomination of the Mayor Levi Whitcomb was appointed a Special Police Officer, for the Lowell Institute.

Deer Island

Application of the Directors of the House of Industry &c. for the erection of an Ice House at Deer Island. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on the Institutions at South Boston and on Deer Island. Came up

for concurrence. Read and concurred with an amendment, 463.  
insert after the word "Land" "to consider and report." Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

The report of the Super Streets  
intendant of Streets for the quarter ending Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> last. Read  
and sent down.

On the petition of Christian F. Geist.  
Geist, and others, for the use of the Ward room in Common Street,  
for the establishment of a German School, the Committee on Public  
Buildings reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted. Sent  
down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

On the petition of Thom. Dexter  
as N. Dexter, respecting a Machine Shop in Tyler Street the  
Committee on Public Buildings reported leave to withdraw. Read  
and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

On the petition of Warren Ellis, Ellis.  
and others respecting the tide water in the cellars under the Annual Ball  
and Hull Market house the Committee on Public Buildings reported leave  
reported, that no further action is requisite, as the matter of com-  
plaint has been remedied. Read and accepted. Sent down for  
concurrence. Came up concurred.

The Committee on Public Mather  
Buildings, to whom was referred the subject of increasing the school  
accommodation at the Mather School house, reported that the same  
measure is inexpedient at this time. Read and accepted. Sent  
down for concurrence. Came up concurred.



Oct 20 1851 Buildings to whom was referred the petition of E. H. Little, and  
 Little others, that the Ward room in Ward No. 5 be lighted with gas,  
 Ward 5. reported that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. Read and  
 accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Hickling

On the petition of Charles Hick-  
 ling, for a renewal of a lease of a cellar under City Hall,  
 the Committee on Public Buildings reported, that it is inexpedi-  
 ent to grant the request. Read and accepted. Sent down  
 for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Washington  
 Street.

Whereas, pursuant to an  
 Order of this Board passed on the thirtieth day of June 1851, a  
 Common Sewer has been repaired in Washington Street near  
 State Street, the cost of which was Ninety three dollars and  
 fifty one cent, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be  
 paid the said City, there remains Seventy dollars  $\frac{13}{40}$  to be charged  
 to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is there-  
 fore, Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto  
 annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid be and they hereby are  
 charged and assessed with the sums therein set to their re-  
 spective names as their proportional part of the expense of  
 the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and  
 notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or  
 lessees.

Willow  
 Street.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order  
 of this Board, passed on the twenty sixth day of June 1851  
 public notice thereof having first been given a Common Sewer  
 has been constructed in Willow Street, the cost of which was

One hundred and eighty dollars and forty three cents, one 465  
quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City,  
there remains One hundred and forty five dollars <sup>33</sup>/<sub>100</sub> to be  
charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law.  
It is therefore, Ordered that the persons named in the sched-  
ule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and  
they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein  
set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the  
expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be cer-  
tified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their  
tenants or lessees.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the twelfth day of May 1851, public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in Webster and Adams Streets, the cost of which was Two thousand six hundred and eighty nine dollars and twenty cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Two thousand and fifteen dollars <sup>93</sup>/<sub>100</sub> to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law.  
It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the Schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Lord, and others to have the name of Pine Street altered to Myrtle Street, reported that the prayer Myrtle



1466 of the petitioners should be granted, and submitted the following order; viz: Ordered That from and after this date, Pine Street is called and known as Myrtle Street. Read, accepted and the order passed.

Cottle. Ordered, That there be paid to John Congress St. Cottle tenant of building in Congress Street owned by J. Quincy Jr. trustee of J. H. Butcock and wife, the sum of Three hundred Dollars for account of land taken to widen said Congress Street, upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets.

Alms House The Committee on Public Buildings to whom was referred a communication from David Kimball and others, in behalf of the Directors of the House of Industry to have the New Alms House enclosed and made suitable for occupancy; report: that no further action is required on the subject, the same having been attended to, and the house enclosed with a brick wall. For the Committee Billings Triggs, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Endicott The Committee on Public Buildings to whom was referred a communication from the School Committee on the Endicott School House, respecting ventilation &c report, that no further action is required on the subject, the evil complained of having been remedied. For the Committee, Billings Triggs, Chairman. Read & accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

The Committee on Public 467

Buildings to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Oct. 20 1851  
James, and others, Trustees of the "Haver's Fund" for the use of James.  
Ward Room, Ward No. 12. for a free school on every evening in  
the week excepting Saturday and Sunday, report: that no action  
is required, as an Order passed the City Council, March 27<sup>th</sup> 1851.  
authorizing the Committee to provide a suitable room for the pur-  
pose, as asked for in the petition. For the Committee, Billings  
Briggs, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.  
Came up concurred.

The Committee on Public Build- Mount  
ings to whom was referred the petition of the Mount Washington Washington  
Guard concerning an Armory, report: that no further action Guard  
is required on said petition as the subject has been reported  
upon by a Special Joint Committee of the City Council. For the  
Committee, Billings Briggs, Chairman. Read and accepted  
Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

The Committee on Public Build- Boston  
ings to whom was referred the petition of the Boston Light St. Infantry  
Infantry, to have their Armory in Faneuil Hall repaired, re-  
port that no further action is required on said petition, all  
necessary repairs having been made to said Armory. For the  
Committee, Billings Briggs, Chairman. Read and accepted.  
Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

The Joint Standing Committee on Faneuil  
Public Buildings who were authorized by an Order passed the Gate  
City Council, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1851 authorizing them to cause the tide Market



468. water to be boxed out of the cellars under Faneuil Hall  
Oct 20. 1851 Market. Report that they made a contract with James  
J. Smith and Jonathan Kice to do the labor and provide  
all materials for said work, for the sum of Seven thousand  
dollars. A provision was made in said contract that the City  
should retain 20 per cent of said amount of contract to  
make good any defect in said boxing for one year, - and  
whereas the Committee and the Superintendent of Public  
Buildings paid particular attention to the work as it progress-  
ed and are perfectly satisfied that the terms of the contract  
were faithfully fulfilled. There now remains fifteen hundred  
dollars in the hands of the City deducted from their Contract  
as per agreement, an amount somewhat large for laboring  
men to lay out of at this time, as they have done every thing  
required of them relating to said contract. Therefore your Com-  
mittee would recommend the passing of the accompanying  
Order. To the Committee, Fellings' Briggs' Chairman. Ordered,  
That there be paid to Jas. J. Smith and Jonathan Kice, Four-  
teen hundred dollars the balance due them on their con-  
tract with the City for boxing the tide water out of the cellars  
of Faneuil Hall Market, by their giving the City a bond in  
the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars, to indemnify the City  
against any defect in the boxing of the cellars aforesaid. —  
Read, accepted and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence  
came up concurred.

Auditor.

black hire The Committee on Accounts, to  
whom was referred the communication of the City Auditor  
asking an allowance for black hire, submit the following Re-  
port: That the duties of the Auditor have been very much

increased within the past few years and now require the 469.  
services of a permanent clerk, who should be competent to Oct 20 1851  
perform such duties as are incumbent upon that officer in  
making out his monthly pay roll and in attending to the ordi-  
nary duties of said office in the absence of the Auditor oc-  
casioned by sickness or other causes. From these considerations  
the Committee have concluded that it is expedient to recom-  
mend the passage of the following Order. In the Committee, Bil-  
lings Briggs, Chairman. Ordered, That the salary of the Au-  
ditor of Accounts for the present financial year shall be at  
the rate of Two thousand dollars per annum and he shall  
be allowed Six hundred dollars per annum to be paid for clerk  
hire. Read, accepted and the order passed. Sent down for con-  
currence. Came up concurred.

The Special Committee to whom Wheeler  
was referred the petition of Joel Wheeler and others, asking Suffolk St.  
that the name of Suffolk Street be changed between Dover Shawmut  
Street and Roxbury line, submit the following Order. Moses Avenue  
Kimball, Chairman. Ordered, That that part of Suffolk between  
Dover Street and Roxbury line be called Shawmut Avenue  
and that said street be hereafter known by that name. Read,  
accepted and the order passed.

The Committee on Public Buildings & Adams-  
ings to whom was referred the petition of George Adams ask- Lane place  
ing to have a passage way closed leading from Lane Place  
to a Primary School House in the vicinity of said Place  
report that no further action is required on said petition,  
the City having purchased the estate. In the Committee, Billings  
Briggs Chairman, read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.  
Came up concurred.



## The Committee on Public Buildings

Oct 20 1851 to whom was referred the petition of the Independent Company of Cadets First Division, respecting their Armory in Faneuil Hall, report that it is inexpedient to grant said petition. For the Committee, Billings Briggs Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Washington

## The Committee on Public Buildings

to whom was referred the petition of the Washington Artillery for a larger Armory than the one they now occupy, report that no further action is required on the part of the City on said petition. For the Committee, Billings Briggs Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Constables

## The bonds of the following named

persons, recently appointed Constables having been examined by the Committee on Licenses, were approved by this board, viz: Gustavus Andrews, Josiah Ballwin, George B. Budge, William C. Cough, George J. Carter, William Eastbrook, Edwin T. Glover, Alexander Hopkins, Richard Hovey, Edward J. Jones, William K. Lee, John S. Lawton, William Loring, William Munnice, George W. Nade, David Patterson, George D. Phillips, James Pierce, James H. Pierce, Crastus H. Sanborn, Abner Shute, Thomas M. Smith, Oliver H. Spurr, Henry Tama, Donald L. Tuller.

American

## The Committee on Public Buildings

to whom was referred the petition of David A. Wardwell, Captain of American Rifles for an Armory for said Company, recommend that an armory be furnished them in Faneuil Hall. For the Committee, Billings Briggs Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent

down for concurrence.

Came up concurred. 471.

Oct. 20. 1851.

Ordered, That public notice be given, that the list of voters for the present year are completed and that Voters they may be seen, at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, and at the Mayor's office, City Hall; and one copy at or near the place of meeting in each ward. All legal voters are requested to see that their names are correctly inserted; And the following persons are particularly called upon to ascertain if their names are inserted, viz<sup>t</sup> Persons, taxed either in partnership or individually, in other wards, than those in which they resided in May last; - persons who were taxed without their given names; persons who have paid a tax assessed upon them within two years, and have been Inhabitants of the city since the first of May last. Naturalized citizens. - All persons will find their names in the list of the ward where they resided in May last, in which ward they will be permitted to vote, unless their names shall be changed to the ward where they at present reside, by a personal application at the Mayor and Aldermen's room. Persons who have not paid a tax assessed upon them within two years, according to law, have no right to vote. The Mayor and Aldermen will attend at their room, City Hall, every day until the eighth day of November next, inclusive, for the purpose of inserting the names of all legal voters, which through accident or mistake, may have been omitted. Ordered, That the City Treasurer be directed to designate on the Ward lists, previous to the day of Annual Election, the names of all persons who shall not have paid a tax assessed upon them within two years last past.



Oct 20 1851. *intendant of Streets respecting the paving and grading Streets,  
Paving that an additional appropriation will be required to complete  
the same. Referred to the Committee on Paving.*

*Pine Street Congregational Society to have Washington Street, in front of  
their Church repaired. Referred to the Committee on  
Paving.*

*Thayer & Co. Petition of Thayer, Hovey and  
Homer and others to have the passage way between Corn  
Court and Merchant Row paved. Referred to the Committee  
on Paving.*

*Waterston. Petition of Robert Waterston, and  
others, to have Bedford Place repaired. Referred to the Committee  
on Paving.*

*Sinclair Petition of Thomas Sinclair, and  
others, to have Margaret Street repaired. Referred to the Com-  
mittee on Paving.*

*Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P. M.*

At a meeting of the board 473.

of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the Twenty Seventh day of October 1851

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Abbrook.

The bonds of the following Constables.

named persons, recently appointed Constables, having been examined by the Committee on Licenses, were approved by this board, viz: Thos. Clapp, Isaac J. Colledge, John C. Harrington, Nathaniel Holmes, Isaac B. Kimball, John C. Leighton, Joseph W. Leighton, Judson B. Merrill, Edwin Rice, Ira E. Sanborn, Jonas Stratton, Charles Smith, Elijah K. Spoor, Jacob C. Tullant, William Willard.

The Committee on Institutions Physician

at South Boston and Deer Island to whom was referred an order of the City Council in regard to the number of Physicians at South Boston beg leave to report: The facts in the case appear to be as follows. Formerly the Resident Physician at the Lunatic Hospital had the entire medical charge of the South Boston Institution, and signed his reports a "Superintendent Boston Lunatic Hospital and Physician to the Public Institutions". This continued from 1841. to 1849. and his salary was \$1200. per annum. Near the close of this period the number of patients was diminished by transferring a portion to Deer Island. In 1849. the Cholera appeared in the Institutions, and the Directors of the Board of Industry requested authority to appoint another, visiting, Physician to their Institution which was granted. In 1851 Dr. Stedman resigned and Dr. Walker was elected.



1875 in his place. In the Salary Bill of this year the City Council  
Oct 27 1875 appropriated the pay in the following words "in full for his ser-  
vice as Superintendent of the Lunatic Hospital and as  
Physician to the House of Correction." Notwithstanding which  
the Director of the House of Correction employed another Physician  
at an additional salary. Your Committee believe that a Resident  
Physician can attend to all the wants of the three Institutions,  
and that a visiting Physician must from the necessities of the  
case be often out of reach when much wanted. Such is the case  
now and Dr. Walker within the few months since his election has  
been often called to the House of Correction, as the physician ap-  
pointed by the Director resides in the City proper. Your Committee  
therefore recommend the passage of the following Resolution. For  
the Committee Henry J. Gardner Reported. That in the opinion  
of the City Council the Resident Physician of the Lunatic  
Hospital should hereafter have the medical charge of all the  
Institutions at South Boston, as was the custom until 1849. Re-  
solved That a certified copy of these Resolutions be transmitted  
by the City Clerk to the Director of the three Institutions at  
South Boston. Read accepted and the Resolves passed. Sent  
down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Sept. Ordered, That the Order of this  
Dec 1875 Board passed on the Sabbath day of September last in relation  
to a nuisance on the premises of J. H. Piper, and others, on Sea street,  
be and the same hereby is amended and made null and of  
no effect.

Dec 1875 Ordered, That the City Marshal  
be directed to notify Jacob Brucon an owner and abutter on

corner of Tremont and Eliot Streets to cause the sidewalks around 475.  
the same to be paved according to law with bricks or flat stones, Oct. 27, 1851  
and to cause them to be supported within twenty days.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to remove obstructions, and make such  
all necessary alterations in the grade and width of the side  
walks, and close all openings in the side walks, or otherwise  
make them safe for public travel.

Ordered, That Grove Place, Grove  
from May street to the south line of Myrtle street, be accepted of the  
by the City and laid out as a highway, as at present bounded

Petition of William Grosser, Grosser.  
to leave to place a Telescope on the Common or some other public  
suitable place, in order to exhibit the same; of William Hughes, Hughes.  
for a license to give an exhibition of Sparring; and of W. H.  
Willis in behalf of a family of Shakers, for a license to exhibit  
concerts of Music, vocal and instrumental. Referred to the  
Committee on Licenses.

Petition of James S. Wiggins, that Wiggins  
his tax on real estate may be divided. Read and referred to  
the Committee on the Affairs of the Department. Sent down for  
concurrence. Came up. concurred.

An invitation from the City of Lowell  
Lowell addressed to the Mayor of Boston, requesting the Muni-  
cipal Authorities of this City to visit Lowell. Read & sent down



ed 27. 1851  
 Chilton  
 any Committee on Public Lands &c and they hereby are au-  
 thorized to settle and adjust the claims of the City on Gardner  
 Chilton, on account of his contract in relation to land on Union  
 Park, on such terms as they may deem just and proper. Passed  
 sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Phillips  
 Church

Ordered, That there be paid to  
 the Treasurer of the Phillips Church South Boston, the sum of ten dol-  
 -lars, that being the amount paid by him for a permit to enter  
 the common sewer in A. Street.

Webster  
 Street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent  
 of Streets lay the sidewalks in Webster Street which have not al-  
 -ready been laid in conformity with a previous order of this  
 Board. That the same be done at the expense of the abutters,  
 within ten days from the date of this order, unless previously in-  
 -structed by the abutters.

Intoxicating  
 drink

Whereas, by the City Marshal's re-  
 -port for the quarter ending Sep<sup>r</sup> 30, 51 made to this Board, it  
 appears that out of 1379 complaints made by the Police, one six  
 hundred were for Drunkenness, and also that 192 complained of  
 for various offences, were drunk; and further that facts justify  
 the belief that a large majority of the offences were committed  
 under the influence of intoxicating drink; - Therefore Ordered, That  
 the City Marshal ascertain as near as possible, and report as  
 early as he fears the following information - 1<sup>st</sup> The whole  
 number of places where intoxicating liquors are sold. 2. The kind  
 in which they are sold. 3. By whom they are sold; if foreigners,  
 of what nation, and if by men or women, in cellars or above

ground. 4. How many places called Oyster Saloons, or for the 477  
sale of Ice cream, or Bowling Allys, furnish strong drinks. 5. Oct 27, 1831  
How many keep open on the Sabbath day or evening. 6. How many  
places sell only intoxicating drinks and how many keep them  
in Grocery stores. 7. How many of what are considered our first class  
Hotels have open bars, for the sale of Intoxicating drinks. 8. How to  
give any information he may possess, as in his opinion it best calculated  
to check the progress of Crime and Intemperance whereby our taxes  
are greatly increased and the reputation of the City injured.

Ordered, That the City Mar- Sidewalks  
shall be instructed to examine and report to this Board what  
sidewalks, within the bounds of the City proper, are out of repair  
and unsafe for public travel, together with the location of the  
same and the names of the several owners and abutts.

Ordered, That there be paid to Curtis.  
E. A. Curtis, tenant of premises cut off in Congress Street belonging Congress St.  
to P. Parker Esquire, the sum of Two hundred dollars for damages  
in consequence of land taken to widen Congress Street, against  
upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for  
all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking, and  
that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out  
and widening Streets.

Whereas William F. Goodwin has Goodwin  
given notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on Sider  
Bromfield Street in the said City, and in the opinion of the Bromfield St  
Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require  
that the said street should be widened at the place described



478. in the said notice, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be  
Oct 27. 1851 given to the owner Thomas H. Porter and wife in her right,  
that this Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by  
taking a part of the land now about to be built upon as aforesaid,  
and laying out the same as a public street, and that  
Monday the next day of November at four o'clock, P.M. is assigned  
as the time for hearing any objections which may be made  
thereto.

Cooper St.	On the petition of John Bacon,
Bacon	and others the committee on Internal Health reported the following
Kennedy	also viz: Whereas, it appears to this Board, that a certain drain
Harlow	situated on a passage way between Stillman and Cooper
Key, Harlow	Street and entering into the common sewer in said Cooper
Gring, etc.	Street, and belonging to John Bacon, Thomas Kennedy, William
McGann,	Harlow, Michael Key, John Harlow, F. C. Gring, Wm. F. Otis, Michael
Freeman,	McGann, Wm. Freeman, Josiah Cooke, Abner Smith, J. B. Clapp,
Cooke Smith	and the heirs of Artemas Ward, deceased, as owners, agents, or
Clapp, Ward	occupants in common of said drain is become obstructed and
	offensive, and is in a state of nuisance, and dangerous to the
	health of the inhabitants; therefore Ordered, That a notice in writing
	be given to each of the said several parties above named, that
	they cause said drain to be thoroughly cleansed and repaired,
	so that the same shall be proper and sufficient to discharge
	without leakage all sewage from their several premises into
	the common sewer in said Cooper Street, within five days
	from the date hereof.

Shawmut	Ordered, That the Mayor be and
Congregational	he hereby is authorized to sign said decree, acknowledge and
Seal.	deliver in behalf of the city to the Shawmut Congregational Socy.

city when the City Missionary Society shall desire to send  
Thomast Congregational Society all its said City Missionary Socy. Co. 27 1851  
its right title and interest in and to the land hereinafter men-  
tioned and shall direct the City to convey to the said Thomast  
Congregational Society said land, such a deed of said land and  
upon such terms and conditions as the Joint Standing Committee  
on Public Lands may recommend said land is situate in said  
Boston and bounded and described as follows, to wit, beginning  
at a point on the northwesterly side of Suffolk Street distant fifty  
feet Northeastly from Brookline Street and from said point run-  
ning Northeastly to said Suffolk Street one hundred feet; thence  
running northwesterly one hundred feet to a line parallel with  
said Brookline Street to a passage way; thence running South-  
westerly one hundred feet to said passage way to a line paral-  
lel with said Suffolk Street thence running Southeastly one  
hundred feet to a line parallel with said Brookline Street  
to the point of beginning on said Suffolk Street, containing  
ten thousand square feet of land. Sent down for concurrence.  
Came up concurred.

The ballots being taken and Engineer  
counted for an Assistant Engineer of the Fire Department it  
appeared that Lewis Beck was elected in concurrence with  
the Common Council.

The communication from the Charleston  
Mayor of Charleston respecting the laying of water pipes in the water pipes  
streets of that City. Referred in Common Council to the commit-  
tee on Water. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.



Ordered, That the papers in

relation to publishing city advertisements, be taken from the  
city files and tabe and with several uncaudited demands of  
advertisements newspapers published, for circulating be referred to the Committee  
on Printing with full power to arrange the same. Sent down  
for concurrence. Came up concurred with the amendment, in-  
stead with instruction to report the same to the City Council "in-  
stead of the words after "printing". Read and concurred.

Tenney

On the petition of William P. Ten-

ney

ney to have the City Seals removed from City Market Square the  
Committee on Public Lands reported leave to withdraw. Accepted  
in Common Council came up for concurrence. Read & concurred

Stetson

On the petition of A. M. Stetson,

for leave to remove a wooden building from G. Street to Broadway  
the Committee on Paving reported, that leave be granted on the usual  
conditions. Read and accepted.

Stetson

The Committee on Paving reported

in favor of the petition of Isaac Harris, and others to have Lincoln  
Street paved; of Isaac Harris, and others, to have North Bennett  
Street paved; of David Anderson, and others to have Quacken  
Place repaired. Read & accepted.

Stetson

On the petition of Gilbert E. Pierce,

for leave to remove a building from the Committee on Paving report-  
ed that no further action is necessary. And on the petition of Ar-  
bert Anderson, to make a cellar door way on the corner of  
New & Palland Street, the Committee on Paving reported leave to  
withdraw. Read and accepted.

On the petition of Walter 481.

ingent for abatement of a nuisance in Durham Street the Committee on Internal Health agreed that no further action is required. Read and accepted.

On the petition of G. W. Gerrish, Gerrish  
for a common sewer in Federal Street, the Committee on Sewers and Drains reported, that the petitioner be allowed to construct a common sewer at his own expense, under the direction of the Superintendent of Drains and Sewers, and to the satisfaction of the Committee. Read and accepted.

On the petition of E. Forristall, Forristall.  
tall, to be licensed to run a line of Omnibuses from the Cambridge Bridge to the Custom House, the Committee on Licenses reported that he may run a line of two horse coaches on said route. Read and accepted.

On the petition of Nathaniel Seaver, Seaver.  
Seaver and others respecting the fire of the Engine House No. 4 and 11 at East Boston the Committee on Public Buildings reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Laying out Child-  
and widening Street in compliance with the vote of the Board, that passed on Monday last, instructing them to report an order for the laying out of a new street, running from Washington Street, nearly opposite Florence Street, to Fremont Street, in conformity with the Memorial of Stephen Child and others in relation to said Street, beg leave respectfully to report the accompanying Order and at the same time deem it proper to state to the Board that the application for laying out and widening said street



182 Present financial year will be insufficient to meet the expen-  
Oct. 27, 1851. -diture which will be required in carrying out the same. In  
behalf of the committee Henry B. Rogers Ordered, That this  
Board lay out a new street, forty feet wide, with a grade fif-  
teen feet above low water mark, from Washington Street, near  
the estate of Henry H. Hancock, to Fremont Street, as bought for  
by Stephen Child and others, provided William Dyer, John G.  
Loring, Henry H. Hancock and C. B. Mather shall within thirty  
days from this date, give to said City a joint and several  
obligation, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, to convey in fee to said  
Corporation by good and sufficient warranty deeds, all the lands  
belonging to them respectively, which shall be found to lie  
within the lines of said proposed Street as laid out by this Board  
(and which lands are estimated, at this time, to contain thirty  
thousand eight hundred and ninety four square feet, be the  
same more or less), upon receiving therefor the sum of twenty two  
thousand dollars. Read, accepted and the order passed.

Bryant  
Dedham St.

The Committee on Sewers and  
Drains, to whom was referred the petition of Walter Bryant, to  
have the common sewer in Dedham Street relaid, report, that  
he have leave to relay the common sewer as prayed for, at  
his own expense, under the direction of the Superintendent of  
Common Sewers, and to the satisfaction of the Committee, and  
that he be reimbursed the cost thereof on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1852, on  
his exhibiting the proper vouchers therefor. For the Committee, Bil-  
lings Briggs, Chairman. Read and accepted.

Whereas, pursuant to an 483

Order of the Board, passed on the second day of October 1851 Oct 2, 1851  
public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer  
has been constructed in Green Place, the cost of which was Three  
hundred and seven dollars and fifty two cents, one quarter part  
whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City there remains  
Three hundred and five dollars  $\frac{64}{100}$  to be charged to persons benefit-  
ted by the same, according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that  
the persons named in the Schedule hereunto annexed, being bene-  
fitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed,  
with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their  
proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the  
same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the  
parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. And it is also further  
Ordered, that the amount when collected, be credited to the  
appropriation for Internal health, the expense of constructing  
said common sewer having been paid for out of the appropri-  
ation for Internal health.

Whereas, pursuant to an Haverhill

Order of the Board, passed on the fourteenth day of July 1851, pub-  
lic notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer  
has been constructed in Haverhill Street, the cost of which was  
Seven Hundred and twenty two dollars and seventy five  
cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by  
the said City, there remains Five Hundred, forty two dollars  
 $\frac{66}{100}$  to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according  
to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the  
Schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and  
they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set



484. to their respective names, as their proportional part of the ex-  
Oct. 27. 1851. -pense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be cer-  
-tified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their  
tenants or lessees.

Kare  
Street.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order  
of the Board, passed on the fourth day of June 1851, public  
notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer  
has been constructed in Kare Street, the cost of which was  
Five hundred and seventy five dollars and fifty six cents,  
one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the  
said City, there remains Four hundred and thirty one dollars  
67/100 to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according  
to law: It is therefore, Ordered that the persons named in the  
Schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be  
and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums  
therein set to their respective names, as their proportional  
part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is or-  
-dered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid,  
their tenants or lessees.

Adams  
Place

Petition of Benjamin Adams  
and J. C. Kline for leave to construct coal holes, in front of  
their stores on Federal and Atkinson Streets. Referred to the  
Committee on Paving.

Hobart

Petition of Heavitt Hobart, and  
others, to have sidewalks laid in Beverly Street. Referred to  
the Committee on Paving.

Keys

Petition of Thomas Keys for leave  
to remove a wooden building from South to North Street. Referred  
to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Elijah Spare, and 485.

There is a large flag-stone laid across Fifth Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Adjourned to Monday next four o'clock, P. M.

At a meeting of the board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Monday the third day of December, Anno Domini, 1851

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Kimball

Petition of Henry Beal, to be Beal  
remunerated for loss and damage by interrupting his building  
on Hanover Street by the Mayor & Aldermen. Referred to the  
Committee on Streets.

Petition of Samuel Lowner, Junr Lowner  
and others, that the lines and boundaries of First Street may be  
given to them. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Daniel Chamber- Chamberlain  
lain, for leave to remove House offal from his public houses in this  
City to his farm in West Cambridge. Referred to the Committee on  
Internal Health.

Petition of John Balch, to have Balch.  
South Street paved. Referred to the Committee on Paving.



- Jan 2. 1851. Libbey Petition of Joseph Libbey, for  
 leave to construct a coal hole in front of No. 28 Federal Street.  
 Referred to the Committee on Paving.
- O'Neill Petition of Patrick O'Neill, and  
 others, respecting the grade of Pine Street. Referred to the Commit-  
 tee on Paving.
- Whiton Petition of James M. Whiton, for  
 an abatement of an assessment made upon him for a drain  
 in Webster street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers & Drains.
- Besson Petition of Jonas Besson, & others,  
 respecting the common sewer in Webster Street. Referred to the  
 Committee on Sewers and Drains.
- Felch Petition of Hiram E. Felch, and  
 others, to have one or more lamps placed and lighted in Mar-  
 ick Street, at the Rail Road crossings. Referred to the Com-  
 mittee on Lamps.
- Sinclair Petition of Thomas Sinclair, and  
 others, to have a lamp lighted in Prince Street. Referred to  
 the Committee on Lamps.
- Briggs. Petition of David Briggs, Pound  
 Keeper, East Boston, respecting a suit commenced against him  
 in his said capacity. Read and laid upon the Table.
- New Jail Ordered, That the Committee on  
 the erection of the New Jail be authorized to report in print.
- New Jail Voted and Ordered, That the Sher-

off of the county of Suffolk, be authorized and requested to remove all the prisoners from the jail on Everett Street in Ward No. 3 1851. No. 5 to the jail on Gore Street in Ward No. 5 in the City of Boston, before the first day of December next.

Ordered, That the Haverhill  
Superintendent of Streets be and he is hereby authorized to street.  
cause the sidewalks to be paved to such of the estates on Ha-  
verhill Street as have not complied with an order of this board  
passed February 3<sup>d</sup> 1851. and the expense be charged to and col-  
lected of the abutters.

Ordered, That the Mayor be Myrtle  
requested to cause Myrtle street to be renumbered. street.

A Lease from the City of Haynes  
Boston to Nathan Haynes of Sudbury, of a tract of land in Fra-  
mingham with the buildings thereon, known as the "Lower fair-  
ground" for three years from the first of August 1853, was ap-  
proved.

Agreeably to the report of the Intelligence  
Committee on License, Warren M. Baker, Mrs. G. P. King, Fannin Office  
Emerson, and Lucy Williams, were licensed as keepers of Intel-  
ligence Offices.

On the petition of Francis Boyd  
Boyd, the Committee on Paving reported that the Superintendent  
of Street cause the side walks in Framingham Street to be  
paved, as asked for in said petition. Read and accepted

The bonds of Lyndon & Byrne, and of Auctioneers  
Albert Morgan were approved, and they were licensed as Auctioneers.



Feb 1851 for leave to establish and run a line of omnibuses from the  
 Bristol & Exeter Railway line to the Custom House, was read and granted.

Harbour

The bond of George P. Tewksbury,  
 Master Harbour Master was received and referred to the Committee  
 on Licenses.

Deer Island

The Committee on the Institutions

at South Boston and Deer Island to whom was referred the re-  
 quest of the Directors of the House of Industry for the construction  
 of an Ice House on Deer Island. Report that in their opinion the  
 building of an Ice-house as asked for would greatly promote the  
 convenience of the establishments on the Island (especially in  
 reference to sickness) and would be the means of a large annu-  
 al saving to the City. They therefore submit the accompanying  
 plan. For the Committee John P. Bigelow, Chairman. Ordered That  
 the Directors of the House of Industry be and they are hereby au-  
 thorized to cause to be erected an Ice house on Deer Island, at  
 an expense not exceeding Five Hundred and fifty dollars, and  
 that the same be charged to the appropriation for the House of  
 Industry. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence.  
 Read and concurred.

New England

The Committee on Water to

Water Company

to whom was referred the application of the New England Pipe  
 Company for the use of the Cochituate Water at their works out  
 of the limits of the City, report that it is inexpedient to grant  
 the request, such also being the opinion of the Cochituate  
 Water Board as appears by an accompanying document.  
 For the Committee, John P. Bigelow, Chairman. Accepted in

Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. 489.

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The Committee on Water to Charlestown

then was referred a Memorial of the City Council of Charlestown Hydrant. requesting that hydrants may be established on the line of pipe by which it is proposed to supply the State Prison with water, and that it is not expedient to accede to the request. In the Committee John F. Sigelaw, Chairman. Accepted in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

The Committee on Water, Water

wherein was referred an order passed on the 13<sup>th</sup> instant concerning Rates. in the adjustment of Water Rates, beg leave to report the accompanying Ordinance. To the Committee John F. Sigelaw Chairman.

Read and accepted and an Ordinance, entitled An Ordinance in addition to an Ordinance in relation to Water Rates, passed November 17, 1850. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Passed in concurrence.

Whereas in an Order of Otis

Notice passed by this Board on Monday last, relative to a certain Train situated on a passage way between Hillman and Otis. It is hereby ordered, that said Order of Notice be amended by striking out from the same the name of William F. and inserting instead thereof the name of Theodore.

The Committee on Licenses

reported certain Truck, Wagon and Hand cart licenses for approval, which were accordingly confirmed by the Board.



Reads from the City Clerk City

Nov 3 1851 Register and Hay Meigs of the Northern Sentinel, of said Union  
Quarterly sent by them in their respective capacities for the quarter end-  
ing Oct. 31. 1851. Read and sent down.

Washington  
Street

The Superintendent of Common

Sewers reported the cost of construction of the common sewer  
in Washington Street south of Gore Street and a list of the  
lots benefitted thereby. Referred to the Committee on Sewers &  
Drains.

Order  
Bromfield  
Street.

The Order of Notice served on Thom-

as S. Suter and wife respecting the proposed widening of Brom-  
field Street having been returned this day, and no one  
appearing to object to the same the subject was referred to  
the Committee on laying out and widening Streets.

Keys

On the petition of Thomas Keys

for leave to remove a wooden building from South Street to Fifth  
Street, the Committee on Paving reported that leave be granted  
on the usual conditions. Read and accepted.

Appropriations

Communication from the City Clu-

rk stating that additions are needed to the appropriations  
for Sewers and Drains - Common and Allys - and Incidental  
expenses. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on Fi-  
nance. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Advertising

The Order which passed this

board October 27. 1851. referring all documents respecting adver-

-lizing and printing, to the Committee on Printing having been Sept.  
amended in Common Council, by striking out the words "With  
full power to arrange the same", and inserting instead thereof  
the words "With instructions to report upon the same to the City  
Council." Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the board of  
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on  
Monday the Tenth day of November, Anno Domini, 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Kimball.

Whereas, in the opinion of Eliot.  
this Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants re- Sanford.  
quire that Atkinson Street should be widened near the cor- Atkinson St.  
-nate of M. Kramer, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice  
be given to John T. Eliot, Samuel Sanford and all others in





Selectmen of the Town of Dedham, proposing to meet the City  
 Authorities of Boston on the line between their town at its inter-  
 section with the Mill Dam for the purpose of perambulating  
 said line. Read and referred to the Committee appointed on  
 that subject.

Report of the City Marshal Intoxicating  
 upon the number of places in the City of Boston, where Intoxica-  
 ting liquors are sold, was read and ordered to be printed

The bond of George P. Tewksbury, Harbour  
 Harbour Master, was approved by this board. Master.

Petition of J. V. B. Smith, and others, Primary  
 for accommodations for the Primary Schools of District No. 1  
 taught in the Old Court house. Referred to the Committee on  
 Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Communication from the City Treasurer  
 Treasurer requesting an appropriation for extra clerk hire in  
 his office. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on  
 the Treasury Department. Came up for concurrence. Read and  
 concurred.

Communication of the School Winthrop  
 Committee requesting the removal of a Primary School from  
 the Winthrop School House. Read and referred to the Committee  
 on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. Came up con-  
 -curred.



On the petition of Patrick Neal, and others, respecting the grade of Gore Street the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw, said street being a private way. Read and accepted.

On the petition of John Balch, and others, respecting the grade of Gore Street, between Ireland and Garret Streets, the Committee on Paving reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw - said portion of Gore Street being a private way. Read and accepted.

On the petitions of Joseph Libbey, Benjamin Adams and July & Howe, for leave to construct crabs holes under the side walks of their respective premises, the Committee on Paving reported, that leave be granted. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Internal health to whom was referred the complaint of Andrew Blanchard against the contractors for removal of night soil, reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Internal health to whom was referred the petition of the heirs of Isaac Dupee, respecting an obstructed drain in Prince Street, reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

On the petition of George L. Deblois, respecting a nuisance in Rutland Street, and the presentment of the Grand Jury about the Dock near India Wharf, the Committee on Internal health reported that no further action is necessary. Read & accepted.

On the petition of J. L. Snow, 495.

and others for leave to keep Swine in East Boston the Com. Nov. 10. 1851.  
-mittee on Internal health reported, that no further action is Snow  
necessary. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Sewers

and Quins to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. Fitch  
and others asking to have a sewer laid in Essex Street re-  
-ported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.  
Read and accepted.

On the petition of Elijah Spare

Spare to have flagging stones laid across Fifth Street, the  
Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read and  
accepted.

Resolved that the Board ac. Arnold

-cept Arnold Street, as now bounded and laid out, from Suffolk Street.  
to Washington Streets, as a public street or way of said City.

The bond of Silas Burlington as Constable

Constable was approved by this board.

Ordered, That all dwelling

houses and other buildings on Shawmut Avenue be numbered  
in regular series commencing at Dover Street; And also, all  
houses and buildings in Myrtle Street commencing at Hancock  
Street; and that George Adams be authorized to designate all  
numbers and to notify the owners and occupants that they are  
required to affix such numbers, so designated as aforesaid to  
the doors of such dwelling houses and other buildings.



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Central  
Square

Whereas a certain parcel of land at East Boston heretofore constituting what has been called Central Square has this day been conveyed to the City by the East Boston Company by metes and bounds. It is therefore Ordered, that said land be accepted and laid out as a public street, or way of said City, according to the metes and bounds in said deed contained. to be known hereafter by the name of Central Square.

Central  
Square

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to grade the westerly part of Central Square or Public Way, bounded (East Boston) from Granite-ga Street to the southerly line of Central Square.

Quincy-  
Congress St

Ordered, That there be paid to Jacob Quincy Jr Esq trustee of Saml B. Babcock and wife, in his right the sum of Seven hundred and ten dollars for land taken to widen Congress Street upon his giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets.

Cottle,  
Congress St

Ordered, That there be paid to the Cottle agent of Jacob Quincy Jr trustee for S. B. Babcock & wife, the sum of Three hundred and fifty dollars for damage arising from land taken to widen Congress Street, the same being additional to a previous order for three hundred dollars upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged

to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets. 1197

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Ordered, That there be paid Smalley-  
to L. W. Smalley, tenant of L. F. Adams the sum of Two Hun-  
dred and fifty dollars for damages in consequence of land  
taken to widen Boylston Street, upon his giving to the city  
an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and  
expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same  
be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening  
Streets.

Ordered, That there be paid Farrar  
to Otis C. Farrar the sum of Two hundred dollars, for injury  
sustained by him at the City Stables, from the kick of a horse,  
in September 1849. while on duty in his capacity of Watch-  
man at said Stables; and that the amount be charged  
to the appropriation for Incidental Expenses and Miscellaneous  
Claims. Passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Adjourned to Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> Twelve o'clock  
A. M. to examine the returns of votes given in on Monday last.



At a meeting of the board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Wednesday the twelfth day of November, A.D. 1851.  
Present.

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Smith.

View

The board proceeded to examine the returns of votes from the several wards. The votes not being all returned. The board adjourned to Nine o'clock, A.M. tomorrow.

At a meeting of the board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Thursday the thirteenth day of November, A.D. 1851.  
Present.

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Grant.

Votes

The returns of votes given in on Monday the tenth day of November instant, for Governor, Lieutenant Governor; Six Senators in the District of Suffolk and thirty four Representatives to the next General Court. Also votes upon the "expediency of calling a convention for the purpose of altering and revising the Constitution of Government of this Commonwealth," having been received from all the Wards were examined by the board, as to the result in the book kept for that purpose and certificates of the result were signed, sealed and returned to the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, pursuant to law.

The returns of votes given up: 499.  
on the question of accepting an Act of the Legislature of this  
Commonwealth passed May 24 1851 entitled "An act concerning City Council  
the organization and powers of the City Council of Boston" were  
also received from all the Wards, were examined and approv-  
ed by the board as appears by the record in the Book kept for  
that purpose. The whole vote being as follows - Yeas Four thou-  
sand five hundred and nineteen - Nays Six thousand nine  
hundred and fifty six. - The said Act was rejected by the citizens.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P. M.

At a meeting of the board  
of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City  
Hall on Monday the Seventeenth day of November A. D. 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Petition of Albert Morgan, Morgan  
to have a lease of Rainsford Island. Referred to the Committee  
on External Health.

Petition of Samuel Hatch, & Hatch  
others, that a common sewer be laid in Lincoln Street, between  
Bedford and Essex Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets  
and Drains.

The following subjects were Jenkins.  
referred to the Committee on Licenses, viz: Petition of Solon Jen- Moulton  
kins, and others, that James C. Moulton may have leave to run  
an Omnibus from South Street, through Sea and State streets



500 to the Depot of the Eastern Rail Road, Commercial Street; - Peti-  
tion of Nathaniel Frecheton Esq for leave to establish a line  
Frecheton of his horse omnibus to run from Chelsea ferry to Fleet  
Street; - petition of John Biscaccianti, for a license to give am-  
Smith. - certs; - petition of Jeremiah Smith, to be re-instated as a Watch-  
man.

Wharff

Petition of Samuel W. Wharff,  
for pay for services rendered as fireman under the new ordi-  
nance. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Alger

Cyrus Alger, by his Attorney,  
gives notice respecting the use and occupation of his land by  
the City. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands sent down  
for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Seventh

The Superintendent of common  
sewers reported the cost of constructing a common sewer in  
Seventh street and E. street, together with a list of estates  
benefitted thereby. Referred to the Committee on Sewers & Drains

Atkinson

Agreeably to notice returnable  
this day John T. Eliot and others and Samuel Sanford filed  
comonstrances against the proposed widening of Atkinson  
Street which were read, and the whole subject was recom-  
mended to the Committee on Streets.

Howard

On petition of Howard & Batchel-  
lor and others, the Committee on names of Streets, reported  
an order changing a portion of Ann Street to North Street.  
Read and laid upon the Table.

Communication from the Au- 501.

Letter stating that additional appropriations were needed for the  
Dix Island Fire House, and that no provision has yet been  
made for the fence around Telegraph Hill, authorized by the  
City Council. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on  
Finance. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Quarterly report of the Port Physician was received, read and sent down.

Auditor's quarterly report of money received by him in his said capacity for the quarter  
ending the 31<sup>st</sup> of October last. Came up from the Common Council.  
Read and placed on file.

Petition of Stephen Stoddard to be paid for extra work and material in the construction of a  
School house in Putnam Street. Referred in Common Council to  
the Committee on Public Buildings. Came up for concurrence.  
Read and concurred.

The Committee on Paving, to whom were referred the several petitions of David S. Blaney,  
and others, to have Sumner Street graded; of Milton J. Lane,  
and others, to have Fulton Street repaired; of William A. Baker,  
and others, to have the side walks laid in Webster Street;—  
reported: that no further action is necessary thereon. Read &  
accepted.

On the petition of Nathaniel Lufkin for leave to move a wooden building, the Committee on Public  
Buildings reported that leave be granted as far as respects Sumner Street.



No. 7, 1881. come and others that the new grade of Gates Street be adopted; of Amos Souther, and others that Symon Place be widened; of W. L. Hitchfield, that Adams Street be widened; of W. L. Brundman that Chambers Street be widened; the Committee on Paving reported a reference to the next board of Mayor and Aldermen. Read and accepted.

Mayor.

The Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Mayor, Hayes and others, to have Corn Court and passage ways repaired; that on the petition of the Pine Street Congregational Church to have Washington Street repaired. Read and accepted.

Nicolson

The Joint Standing Committee on Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Nicolson, and others, that certain restrictions may be removed from land sold by the City between Springfield and Worcester Streets in Suffolk Street, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Quincy

Haymarket  
Square

The Joint Committee on Public Lands to whom was referred the petition of Josiah Quincy, Junr and others to have the cars with hay and straw prohibited from standing in Haymarket Square, reported that arrangements have been made to remove all obstructions from the square complained of in said petition and therefore no further action is required thereon. Read and accepted. Sent

down for concurrence.

Came up concurred. 503.

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The Committee on Public Lands Williams

to whom was referred the remonstrance of Jeremiah Williams, Dry, Market  
and others against the removal of the Hay wagons from Hay Square  
Market Square, reported, that the remonstrance have leave to  
withdraw their remonstrance. Read and accepted. Sent down  
for concurrence. Came up concurred.

The quarterly report of the Clerk of  
Clerk of Faneuil Hall Market, of money received by him the Faneuil Hall  
last quarter, ending Oct. 31, 1851. Read and referred to the joint Market  
Special Committee on Faneuil Hall Market. Sent down for con-  
currence. Came up concurred.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order Washington  
of this Board, passed on the Ninth day of June 1851 public Street  
notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has  
been constructed in Washington, south of Gore Street the cost  
of which was Three thousand four hundred and eighty two  
dollars and ninety four cents, one quarter part whereof being  
deducted, to be paid by the said city, there remains two thou-  
-and, six hundred and twelve dollars  $72\frac{1}{2}$  to be charged to  
persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore  
Ordered that the persons named in the Schedule hereunto  
annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby  
are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their  
respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of  
the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be notified and  
notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.



Ordered, That there be paid  
 to Mess Williams &quire the sum of Two hundred and  
 twenty six <sup>25</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars for land taken to widen Congess Street, upon  
 his giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquit-  
 tance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in con-  
 sequence of said taking; and that the same be charged  
 to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets.

Ordered, That there be paid  
 to Joseph Stark, occupant of Store 40 Congess Street, the sum  
 of Six hundred and thirty <sup>20</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars for damages arising  
 to him in consequence of land taken to widen said Congess  
 Street, upon his giving to the City an acquittance and dis-  
 charge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence  
 of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropri-  
 ation for laying out and widening Streets.

Ordered, That there be paid  
 to Joseph Stark and Mrs Mary H Heise the sum of Nine hund-  
 red and sixty nine <sup>70</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars for land taken to widen Con-  
 gress Street, upon their giving to the City a Deed for the same,  
 and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs  
 and expenses in consequence of said taking, and that the  
 same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and  
 widening Streets.

Ordered, That Jonathan Bruce  
 be appointed Keeper of Fairford Island for one Year, from  
 the first of December next, and that as full compensation  
 for services as said Keeper he be allowed the use of the build-

ings upon the Island, on condition that he keep the same in re- 505.  
pair free of expense to the City, and towards which he shall Nov 17, 1851  
be authorized to use or dispose of the material of the two Store  
houses. The above agreement and appointment, is, however  
to be null and void if at any time the City may require the  
Island for other purposes, or the State reclaim possession of the  
same.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer Militia  
be and he is hereby directed to pay to each and every person borne  
on the Roll of the Volunteer Militia, duly returned as being entitled to  
the bounty allowed by law, for the performance of Military Duty,  
the sum affixed to their respective names, amounting in the whole  
to Five thousand and sixty seven dollars.

Ordered, That warrants be Warrants  
issued for the meeting of the legal voters in their several Wards for Ward  
on Monday, the eighth day of December next at eight o'clock meeting  
A.M. then and there to give in their ballots for a Warden, Clerk,  
Five Inspectors of Elections, two members of the School Committee,  
Four members of the Common Council and one Overseer of the Poor,  
all of whom to be inhabitants of this City and resident in  
their respective Wards: Also for a Mayor and eight Aldermen  
all of whom to be Inhabitants of the City. All the foregoing to be  
voted for on one ballot. The polls to be kept open until ten o'clock  
P.M.

Ordered, That the Superin- Bacon  
-tendent of Streets be authorized and directed to pave the side-  
-walk according to law, around the lot corner of Fremont and  
Elliot Street, owned by Jacob Bacon and adjacent to the corner  
to the owner of said lot.



Nov 17, 1851 Accounts & and he hereby is authorized to make the following Appropriation transfers of appropriation viz. Sold to Incidental Expenses, Eight thousand five hundred dollars by transferring five thousand dollars from Lumps, and thirty five hundred dollars from Public Buildings. Sold to Seeds and Grains, fifteen hundred dollars by a transfer from Public Buildings. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Lowley.  
Pearl Street.

On the petition of Levi A. Lowley and others Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to grade Pearl Street, between High and Purchase Streets, according to the established grade, and make all necessary alterations in the grade and width of the sidewalks.

Dorchester.

We the subscribers, The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston and the Selectmen of the Town of Dorchester, pursuant to notice met the fifteenth day of November A. D. 1851 at the place appointed and run the line and renewed the bound marks between the City of Boston and the Town of Dorchester as follows to wit Beginning at Old Fairbairn so called, at the southwest corner of land formerly belonging to John Chapman, running North, thirty seven and one half degrees West to a stone post marked **B.** on the Northeast side and **D.** on the Southwest side then running the same courses to another stone post standing near Dorchester street marked **B.** on the Northeast side and **D.** on the Southwest side, then across said Dorchester street and continuing the same course to a stone post standing on the Dorchester Turnpike marked **B.** on the Northeast side and **D.** on

the South-east side, then continuing the same course until it comes 300  
to Boston Harbor, being the same line described in the act entitled Act of 1851  
the act to set off the North-east part of the town of Dorchester and  
to annex the same to the town of Boston. In testimony whereof we  
have hereto set our hands the day and year first written. — Oliver  
Mell, William Tolman, Edw<sup>d</sup> King. Selectmen of Dorchester. —  
John G. Bigelow, Mayor. Henry C. Rogers, William P. Pugsy, J. B.  
Munroe, Moses Grant, Moses Kimball, Benja<sup>n</sup> Smith, S. M. Holbrook,  
Calvin W. Clark. Aldermen of Boston.

We the subscribers the Mayor. Roxbury

and Aldermen of the City of Boston, and the Mayor and Alder-  
men of the City of Roxbury, pursuant to notice met this fifteenth  
day of November A.D. 1851. at the place appointed and on the  
line and renewed the bound marks between the City of  
Boston and the City of Roxbury as follows to wit: Begin-  
ning in the centre of the channel dividing the City of  
Roxbury and the town of Dorchester at the point where  
the line dividing the City of Boston from the town of Dorches-  
ter intersects the centre of said channel, from thence run-  
ning Northerly by the centre of said channel until it meets  
the centre of another channel, then running Westerly  
through the centre of the last mentioned channel to a  
monument placed therein, then running in a Southwesterly  
direction about Two thousand six hundred and twenty two  
feet to a point in the centre of the Roxbury Canal, which  
point is situated one thousand and seven feet from the South-  
easterly side of Harrison Avenue, measuring substantially in the  
range of the Westerly side of Worcester Street in said Boston, then  
running in the centre of said Canal to a point in the same



which intersect the boundary line that was established prior to  
 May 3<sup>d</sup> in the year eighteen hundred and fifty; then running in  
 a Southwesterly direction to a stone monument standing in a  
 meadow which marks the South bounds of the City of Boston  
 which monument is marked **B.** on the Northeasterly side, and **R.**  
 on the Southwesterly side, from thence running Northwesterly  
 five hundred and forty two feet and one half foot to a stone post  
 two hundred and fifteen feet from the former line of Washington  
 Street, thence continuing the same course two hundred and  
 fifteen feet to a stone post standing in Washington Street mark-  
 ed **B.** on the Northeasterly side, and **R.** on the Southwesterly side,  
 from thence across said street to the fence dividing the land now  
 a formerly belonging to Isaac Scott and others (formerly also  
 of Minot) from land now a formerly belonging to Susanna &  
 Sarah Davis (formerly also of John Richardson Esq<sup>r</sup>) thence by  
 said fence and the line thereof continued to the creek former-  
 ly opening into the Bay leading to Cambridge, but now  
 into the full basin of the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corpora-  
 tion; thence through the centre of said creek to the centre of  
 the bridge across Tremont Street, thence by a line running  
 Northwesterly at right angles with said Tremont Street about  
 two hundred and fifty feet to the middle of the said creek,  
 thence by the centre of said creek to a stone post standing on  
 the Site of said Corporation dividing said full basin from  
 the receiving basin of said Corporation marked **B.** on the  
 Southwesterly side and **R.** on the Northeasterly side, from thence  
 running North fifty three degrees east in a direction to the  
 angle of Park Street Meeting House in Boston about two hun-  
 dred and ninety rods to the centre of the main channel westerly



of Charles and Pleasant Streets in Boston from thence. Notherly 509  
through the centre of said channel to a point ten hundred feet  
distant, Southerly from the Mill Dam or Western Avenue, run-  
ning Westerly by a straight line to a stone post standing on  
the Easterly side of the branch of the said Mill Dam leading  
to Roxbury marked B. on the Notherly side and R. on the South-  
erly side; thence across said branch Dam to another stone  
post, standing on the Westerly side thereof and marked B. on the  
Notherly side, and R. on the Southerly side, thence by the centre  
of the channel in said full basin to the line dividing Boston  
and Roxbury from Brookline. In testimony whereof we have  
hereunto set our hands the day and year first written. Sam<sup>r</sup>  
Walker. Mayor. Wm. L. Plummer. George Curtis. Daniel Jackson  
Richard Ward. Hiram Hall. Aldermen of Roxbury. John P.  
Bigelow. Mayor, and Henry B. Rogers. Billings. Briggs. J. B.  
Munroe. Moses Grant. Moses Kimball. Benja. Smith. H. M.  
Holbrook. Calvin W. Clark. Aldermen of Boston.

We the subscribers, the Mayor of Brookline  
and Aldermen of the City of Boston and the Aldermen of  
the town of Brookline, pursuant to notice met the fifteenth  
day of November A.D. 1851. at the time and place appointed  
and ran the line and renewed the bound marks between  
the City of Boston and the town of Brookline as follows: We  
beginning at a stone post marked B. on the Easterly side  
and B. on the Westerly side; standing on the Boston and  
Roxbury Mill Dam, Westerly from the new filling. Runnes  
across said dam, the old stone referred to in the act  
of February 22<sup>d</sup> 1825. entitled An act relative to the boundary



510. line of the City of Boston and to the town of Brookline having  
been removed thence running Northwesterly from said post  
at an angle of one hundred and fifteen degrees from the Mill  
dam until it strikes the centre of the channel of Charles River,  
and also running from the said post Southwesterly at an angle  
of one hundred and three degrees forty minutes until it  
strikes the centre of the channel of Muddy River, at a point  
where the respective boundaries of Boston Brookline & Roxbury  
meet each other being the same line mentioned and described  
in the above recited Act. In testimony whereof we have hereto  
set our hands the day and year first above mentioned. Yours  
Bartlett. J. Lavenport. William Dearborn. Selectmen of Brookline  
Will. Spinwall, Town Clerk of Brookline. John S. Bigelow,  
Mayor and Henry L. Rogers. Billings. Briggs. A. S. Munroe,  
Moses Grant. Moses Kimball, Henry Smith, H. H. Holtbrook. Calvin  
H. Clark. Aldermen of Boston.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the board 511.

of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall  
on Monday the Twenty fourth day of November, Anno Domini 1851

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Petition of A. L. Vignier that Vignier  
the damage to his chimney, caused by the erection of the New  
Farm Telegraph, may be repaired by the City. Read and re-  
ferred to the joint standing Committee on Fire Alarms. Sent  
down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Petition of Henry L. Suggett, Suggett  
to have a nuisance abated caused by the drain overhanging  
of the Merchants' Exchange. Referred to the Committee on Internal  
Health.

Petition of R. Wright, for leave Wright.  
to construct a cess pool at N<sup>o</sup> 73. Maverick Street, in front of  
his estate, on the sidewalk. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Nathaniel Seaver, Seaver  
and others, to have a part of Maverick Street raised. Referred  
to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Philip George, & others George  
to have Mason Street repaired. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Thomas L. Atkins, & Atkins  
others, to have a common sewer laid in Arne Street, between  
Lewis and Fleet Streets. Referred to the Committee on Sewers and  
Drains.



for a license to run two or more Omnibuses or Coaches,  
 twice a day from South Boston to Chelsea Ferry. Referred to the Committee  
 on Licenses.

Jenny Lind.

Application of Jenny Lind for  
 a license to give concerts at the Melodeon. Referred to the Com-  
 mittee on Licenses.

Springfield.

The Superintendent of common  
 sewers presented a schedule of the cost of constructing a com-  
 mon sewer in Springfield and Northampton streets and par-  
 tial sewer adjoining. Also a section in Tremont street, from  
 Northampton street to Worcester street, and the assessments made  
 upon the individuals whose estates are benefitted thereby. Referred  
 to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Belmont.

Remonstrance of J. H. Guthrie  
 against the petition of S. Lieberman for a license to run  
 a line of omnibuses from Hearst street to Chelsea Ferry. Refer-  
 red to the Committee on Licenses.

Moulton

Petition of Thomas Moulton  
 to be paid for a lamp placed by him in Allen Court. Referred  
 to the Committee on Lamps.

Dorr.

Petition of Susan E. Dorr, for an  
 settlement of a tax. Referred to the Committee on the Assessors'  
 department sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Gary.

Communication from Thomas G.

Gary.

respecting the present condition of Thiel Beach between  
 West Shirley and Northway and affecting the rights of  
 the city. Referred to the Committee on the Assessors' department sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Petition of Charles G. Greene, 513.

and others to have three willow trees removed from Blackstone Ave. 24, 1851  
Square. Referred to the Committee on the Common, Mills & Yards.  
with full power.

Ordered, That the Committee Theatres &  
on Licenses make arrangements for this Board to visit the Theatres  
and places of amusement on such evening as may be  
best to satisfy themselves on the subject of egress from said  
places in case of any alarm, and also to inquire into the  
state of the Buildings for Public Schools.

Ordered, that the Committee Finance  
on the subject of Faneuil Hall Market be authorized to re-  
port in print. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concur-  
rence. Read and concurred.

Ordered, That there be paid to Samuel Septon the balance due him on his contract for  
building the New Jail for the County of Suffolk, he having  
complied with the terms of said contract and to the satisfac-  
tion of the Mayor and Aldermen.

Ordered, That the Superin- Water  
tendent of Streets be and he is hereby authorized and re-  
quested, to cause such water pipes in East and South Bos-  
ton, to be covered with earth as shall be found necessary to  
protect them from the action of the frost.

The City and County Treasurer City Debt.  
received communication concerning the City Debt. Referred in  
Common Council to the Committee on the City Debt. Came up for  
concurrence. Read and concurred.



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Whereas it appears to this board that the offices of Clerks of the Court for the several years in Ward No. 2 and 4 are now vacant. Therefore Ordered That a clause be inserted in the warrants issued for the meeting of the legal voters in said several wards on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December next enforcing the obligors to fill in that day, any vacancies now existing in the several wards.

Biscaccianti.

The Committee on Licenses to whom was referred the petition of Elise Biscaccianti for leave to give license, reported that the same be granted on payment of the usual charge and under the usual regulation. Read and accepted.

House of  
 Council.

Communication from the Overseers of the House of Correction respecting the Resident Physician of the Boston Lunatic Hospital having the medical charge of the other Institutions. Read and sent down.

Hutch

The Committee on Sewers and Drains to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Hutch and others, that a common sewer may be laid in Lincoln Street, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition. Read and accepted.

Fremont

Street

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to grade Fremont Street from Albany line to Groton Street to conform to an order passed this board Nov. 12. 1850. establishing the grade of said street.

Gull

Bond of William Gull, and others, to the City of Boston, in pursuance of an agreement or order

passed this Board October 27, 1851. which Board the City Solicitor 315  
certified as conforming to said order, and the same was ac- Dec 27, 1851  
-cepted by the board.

The following Report & Order Howard-  
was taken from the Table;— The Committee on change of names John Bond  
of Street to whom was referred the petition of Howard and part of changed  
Butcher and others, that the name of part of Ann Street & North Street  
may be changed have considered the subject and for the rea-  
sons set forth in said petition deem it proper that the prayer  
of the petitioners should be granted and therefore report the  
accompanying order to that effect. For the committee, Moses  
Kimball, Chairman. Ordered, That from and after January  
1<sup>st</sup> 1852 so much of Ann Street as lies between Dock Square  
and North Square shall be called and known as North  
Street. Read, accepted and the order passed.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order : Seventh  
of this Board, passed on the Nineteenth day of May 1850 and a  
public notice thereof having first been given, a common sewer Street  
-er has been constructed in Seventh and E. streets the cost  
of which was four thousand one hundred and fifty eight dol-  
-lars and sixty four cents, one quarter part thereof being deduc-  
-ted, to be paid by the said City, there remains three thousand  
one hundred and eighteen dollars  $\frac{92}{100}$  to be charged to persons  
benefitted by the same, according to law. It is therefore Order-  
-ed, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed  
being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged  
and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names,  
as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer,



516 and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof  
Nov. 24, 1851 given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Treasurer, The Joint Standing Committee  
extra clerk on the Treasury Department, to whom was referred the communication of the City and County Treasurer asking for an appropriation for the payment of extra clerks in his department for the current year, beg leave respectfully to submit the following Order, per order of the Committee, H. B. Rogers Chairman.  
Ordered, That there be paid and allowed to the City and County Treasurer the sum of Six hundred dollars for extra clerks in his department for the current financial year, and that said sum be taken from the appropriation for Salaries Read, accepted and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Appropriations. Ordered, That the Auditor of  
Accounts be authorized to make the following transfers of appropriations, vizt. Add to Common and Males Nine thousand dollars by transfer from County of Suffolk. Add to Flms House at Deer Island, Two thousand dollars, by transfer from Old Claims. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred.

Stoddard The Committee on Public Buildings to whom was referred the petition of Stephen Stoddard asking pay for extra work and materials for a foundation to the walls of a School House on Southac Street. Report: That the petitioner on the Sixth day of June last entered into a contract with the City to build a School House on Southac Street according to a plan and specifications, which specifications provided

among other things that the foundations for all the walls of said house should be at least four feet deep, and as much deeper as should be found necessary in the judgment of the Committee to ensure a perfect foundation, although the foundation was required to be at a greater depth than four feet, yet your Committee think there has been no extra work or material bestowed on said foundation other than was provided for in said contract. Therefore the petitioner is not entitled to any extra pay for work on said School House. For the Committee, Billings Biggs, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred. 517.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock. P. M.

At a meeting of the board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the First day of December, Anno Domini, 1851.

Present

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be directed to designate upon the voting lists, the names of those persons who have not paid a tax assessed upon them with



518. - in two years, according to law.

Dec<sup>r</sup> 1. 1851.

Ordered, That the Superintendent

shall be authorized to cause the side walk in front of the Court to be repaired, and otherwise made safe for public travel.

That the

Ordered that after four com-

missioned

shall be named: Samuel P. Rance, Andrew C. Smith, Arthur  
Samuel, French, Geo. H. Houghton, John J. Smith, and  
Luther. That the number and that Mr. George Adams be employed  
to do the same.

John

Petition of William John respect-  
ing his contract with the City, for the removal of House offal  
to East Boston. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Russ

Petition of S. B. Russ and others, to  
have four men named. Referred to the Mayor.

Adams

Petition of Allen Adams, and  
others that a drain be laid around Franklin and Jackson  
Squares. Referred to the Committee on the Common and Streets.

Amory.

The Committee on Internal Health  
presented a report to the Board on Amory's petition  
respecting smoke consuming furnaces. Read and laid on the table.

Smith

On the petition of Jeremiah Smith to be  
named as a watchman, the Committee on Streets reported  
leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Memorial of Hammond Nov 5/9.

reflecting the use by the city of his plan for supplying the city with water, and asking for  
with iron pipes to supply the city with water, and asking for  
for the same. Read and referred to the Committee on Water  
Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

The Committee on Accounts Gifford.

reported to the board that they had agreed to pass certain bills of  
Helen Gifford and Gifford & Spaulding, against the city, for work & Spaulding  
on; wherein stated, which report was ordered to be printed and  
sent down.

Communication from the Har- Harbour.

our Master respecting a vessel sunk in the channel, and channel.  
suggesting a method for its removal. Read and referred to the  
Committee on the Harbour on the part of this board with full pow-  
er.

On the petition of Albert Morgan Morgan.

for a lease of Rainford Island, the Committee on External Health  
reported, that no action is required thereon, the Island being al-  
ready let. Read and accepted.

On the petition of James G. Moulton, Moulton.

the Committee on Licenses reported, that leave be granted to him  
to run an Omnibus with two horses from Fourth Street through Lee  
and Broad Streets to Commercial street and the Passenger Depot  
of the Eastern Traction Co. Read and accepted.

On the notice of in- Mufsey.

tention to build of B. B. Mufsey, and others, on Hawkins street the  
Committee on Public Works reported no action is necessary and that a portion  
of said petition as refers to a cellar door way, be referred



526 to the Committee on Fairs. Read accepted and referred ac-  
cordingly. Dec. 1. 1851.

On the petition of Thomas J. Perce,  
Read &c. &c. the Committee on Licenses recommended that leave be grant-  
ed them to run two or more Omnibuses from South Boston to  
Chelsea Ferry. Read accepted.

On the petition of Nathaniel Se-  
felten &c. for leave to run a line of two horse Omnibuses from  
Chelsea Ferry to Pleasant Street, through a certain specified route,  
the Committee on Licenses report favourably to the petition to run  
two Omnibuses with two horses (and no increase of numbers any-  
way) according to the route stated within by petition. M. Grant for  
the Committee. Read and accepted.

On the petition of E. P. Waste &c.  
for leave to run a line of coaches from Court Street to Northamp-  
ton Street, the Committee on Licenses reported leave to withdraw.  
Read and accepted.

On the petition of Jenny Lind, for  
leave to give Concerts the Committee on Licenses reported that leave  
be granted on the usual conditions. Read and accepted.

On the petition of Thomas G. Atkins,  
that a new common sewer may be laid in Anne Street, the  
Committee on Sewers and Drains reported leave to withdraw. Read  
and accepted.

Whereas it appears to this Board  
that a certain nuisance dangerous to the health of the inhabi-  
tants, exists on an estate, numbered twenty nine on Fifth Street,  
owned by Charles R. Godman and occupied by Henry L. Suggell,

which nuisance is occasioned by the flowage of filth and impure and unwholesome water from the vault and yard of the adjoining premises owned by the Boston Exchange Company into and upon the premises of said Godman; it is therefore Ordered that a notice in writing be given to the said Corporation that they cause the nuisance existing on said premises and consisting of filth and water as aforesaid to be removed within fifteen days from this date, by repairing and making tight the said vault or otherwise preventing the contents of said vault and said filthy and impure and unwholesome water from flowing in upon the premises of said Godman from the yard & vault of said Corporation. Dec. 1, 1851.

The Committee on Paving to whom Coburn was referred the petition of Daniel J. Coburn and other owners and occupants of houses on the westerly side of Suffolk Street, between Groton and Milford Streets asking remuneration for damage done to their estates in consequence of altering the grade. Report: That in consequence of a petition to the Board of Aldermen and Aldermen June 27<sup>th</sup> 1850 signed by Daniel J. Coburn, an order was passed to raise the edge stones and sidewalk on Suffolk Street from Groton Street to Milford Street and the present is the grade fixed upon and made at that time. This year when Suffolk Street was paved the grade of the sidewalks in front of the estates of the petitioners has not been changed, therefore the Committee are of opinion that the petitioners are not entitled to any damage, and that said petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition. For the Committee William Briggs Chairman. Read and accepted.



Springfield  
Hampden  
Streets

Whereas, pursuant to a vote of the Committee on Public Lands passed on the twenty eighth day of January 1851 a common sewer has been constructed in Southampton and Springfield Streets, the cost of which was Five thousand one hundred and thirty six dollars and sixty two cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Five thousand one hundred and seventy seven dollars  $\frac{4}{10}$  to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule herunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. And it is further Ordered, that the several sums shall be collected whenever entries shall be made into the common sewer from the respective estates.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the board 523

of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall  
on Monday the eighth day of December, Anno Domini, 1851

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Petition of Patrick Green to Green  
have the line of West Street defined. Referred to the Committee on  
Streets.

Petition of William Stone, and Stone  
others, to have the Stone wall now being erected, continued from  
Stone Wharf to Kiltudge's Wharf. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of the New Orleans New Orleans  
Amateurs for a license to give concert at the Federal Street Theatre. Referred  
Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Luther Munn, to be Munn  
paid for extra work on the New Jail. Referred to the Committee  
on the erection of the New Jail.

Petition of the Eastern Rail Eastern  
Road Company, and the Grand Junction Rail Road and Depot Grand  
Company, to the Legislature praying leave to modify the act of Junction  
May 9, 1848 and enter the city on the easterly or westerly side Rail Road  
of the Boston and Maine Rail Road. Read and laid on the Table.

Ordered, That the Superinten- Broadway  
-dent of Streets be authorized to erect a fence on the southerly  
side of Broadway, from Tuckerman's house to D. Street, Also to  
cause a fence to be built on the north side of Broadway from C. to  
D. Street in such manner as to make the said Broadway safe for public travel.



Dec 8, 1851. For statement of an application for a common sewer in Ham-  
Ayling-ington Street referred to the Committee on Sewers and Grains.

Lunatic

Hospital. The annual account of the City of Boston against the Commonwealth, for the support of State paupers at the Boston Lunatic Hospital during the past year, was received and referred to the Board of Visitors of that Institution.

Gifford

Memorial of Nathan Hale and Thomas B. Curtis former Water Commissioners, in behalf of Helen Gifford. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on Water, with instruction to report in print before the close of the present year. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Loring-  
Ginn.

On the petition of George B. Loring, and others for the annexation of Chelsea to Boston, the Committee reported, that no definite measures were agreed upon in reference to the matter, and no further action was necessary. Read, accepted and placed on file. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Breed's

Island. The Committee on laying out and widening streets reported that no action is requisite respecting the street over Breed's Island; and on the acceptance of High and Albany streets, as prayed for by William C. Gutterson and others. Read and accepted.

Marginal

Quail Road. Ordered, That the Committee on Marginal Road about the City have authority to report in print. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

On the petition of Jacob 525.

Sherman, respecting a nuisance from a sewer in Broadway, the Committee on Internal Health reported, that the matter had been attended to, by them. Read and accepted.

On the petitions of John A. Meserve  
Meserve, David Hoyt, William, Jr., John Kurder, and J. Sanford, the Committee on Internal Health reported, that no further action is required thereon. Read and accepted.

On the petition of Isaac Adams  
and others, to have Division Street repaired, the Committee on Streets reported, that no action at the request of the petitioners was had on the subject referred to them, and that no further measures in relation thereto are now necessary. Read and accepted.

On the petition of John Bacon,  
and others respecting a drain in Stillman Street, the Committee on Internal Health reported, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Petition of Thomas Brown respecting an injury sustained by Margaret Brown by the erection of the Telegraph Pole. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on Fire Alarms, with full power. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Communication of the Overseers  
of the House of Correction, respecting the medical charge of their Institution, having been referred in Common Council to the Committee on the Institutions at South Boston and on Sea Island. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.



Dec 2 1851. Intendant of Common Sewers be directed to charge for every  
Sewers in lot of land which may be drained into any common sewer  
Public Lands (the cost of which has been paid for out of the appropriation  
for public Lands) at the rate of one cent per foot, for each and  
every foot of land contained in said lot, and that no permit  
to enter the common sewer shall be granted until the amount  
so charged be paid.

Rail Road  
Justice Communication respecting a per-  
petual concerning the Auburn excursion and Rail Road jus-  
tice. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Bulls  
The Committee on Internal health  
would report and the within papers relate to the action of the City  
in carrying a drain over Bulls Head at the bottom of Summer  
Street and the claims of several parties in relation thereto, that  
a suit at law, brought by Thomas Richardson, is now pending  
against the City in which the rights of the several parties will  
be determined, and that the City Solicitor has charge of the  
same: Wherefore they recommend that the within papers be re-  
ferred to the next City Government. For the Committee, Henry B  
Rogers, Chairman. Read & accepted.

Butler  
On the petition of Pliny Butler,  
and others, to have Milk and Federal Streets widened, The  
Committee on laying out and widening Streets report that they  
have been able to make no arrangement with the several parties  
more immediately interested in the above widening by which  
the same can be effected at a reasonable cost and therefore  
that the within petitioners have leave to withdraw. For the Committee,

Henry B. Rogers, Chairman.

Read and accepted. 527.

Dec. 8. 1851.

The Committee on laying out Eastern and widening Streets report that not having been able to procure from the City Engineer any plan for carrying a road over the crossings of the Rail Road at East Boston, satisfactory to them, they recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw till such time as the peril incident to travel over the said crossings shall lead to a new application to the City Government. For the Committee, Henry B. Rogers, Chairman. Read and accepted.

The Committee on laying out First St. and widening Streets report, that the within several several petitions and papers refer to the action of the Board in relation to First Street during the past year; and, inasmuch as said action has been had under the advice of the City Solicitor, who is familiar with the whole subject matter, and the claims to damage and the petitions for a designation of boundary lines are matters which this Committee do not deem it expedient in the City to act upon at this time, they recommend that they be referred to the next City Council. For the Committee, Henry B. Rogers, Chairman. Read & accepted.

On the petition of Benjamin Crombie and others, respecting the acceptance of Bedford Road. Bedford Road. Committee on Streets reported a reference of the subject to the next City Council. Read and accepted.

Ordered, That there be paid to Henry Beal the sum of Five hundred dollars for damages arising from the action of the Board in relation to his es-



528. -late in Finance Street, upon his giving to the city an acquit-  
Dec<sup>r</sup> 8. 1851 tance and discharge for all damages costs and expenses in  
consequence of said action; and that the same be charged to  
the appropriation for laying out and widening Street.

Treasurer  
to borrow  
city debt.

The Committee on the reduction  
of the city debt to whom was referred City Treasurer's communica-  
tion of the 19<sup>th</sup>. We last have attended to that duty and respectfully  
report that by an explanation of that officer herewith submitted,  
it appears that the amount of city debt falling due in this financial  
year, over and above the means of meeting it, is \$207,002 Two hundred  
and seven thousand, sixty two dollars instead of \$277,640. Two hundred  
seventy seven thousand six hundred forty dollars. To meet this defi-  
ciency the committee recommend the passage of the accompany-  
ing Order. John H. Bigelow, Mayor, James W. Fessenden Chairman Finance  
Committee in part of common Council. Francis Munley, President of  
the common Council. Ordered, That the City Treasurer under the  
direction of the Finance Committee be and he hereby is authorized  
to borrow a sum not exceeding \$207,002, Two hundred and seven  
thousand and sixty two dollars to meet the deficiencies of the pres-  
ent financial year. Passed in common Council. Yeas 35 Nays none  
came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Yeas nine. Nays none.

Second  
Universalist  
Society.

On the petition of the Second  
Universalist Society to be paid for land taken to widen School  
Street. The Committee on laying out and widening Streets  
report, that the committee not having been able to agree in  
respect to the subject matter of the above petition, the petitioners  
have instituted a suit for damages against the city. For the Com-

- mittee Henry B. Rogers, Chairman. Read and accepted. 529

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Ordered, That the Committee Senox  
on Public Lands have full power to make any compromise or  
arrangement which they may deem advisable with any and  
all parties interested in relation to certain lots of land near  
the corner of Washington and Senox Streets, and on Senox Street,  
for the conveyance of which, agreements are held by John C. Pratt  
and in relation to a portion of which an adverse title is set  
up which is disputed by the City. Passed in Common Council.  
Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Communication from the Audi- Appropriation.  
- ity of Accounts stating that the appropriation for turning and  
repairs of Streets is exhausted. Read and referred to the com-  
- mittee on Finance. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Ordered, That the Committee Farnsworth  
on Public Lands have full powers to make any arrangement or  
further conditions with J. L. Farnsworth which they may deem for  
the interest of the City in relation to certain lands purchased by  
him of the City. Ref'd. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

The Committee on Public Lands Alger  
to whom was referred the communication of William Brigham, At-  
- torney for Cyrus Alger respecting the use and occupation of his  
land by the City, Report: That no action is required on the part  
of the City. For the Committee, Billings, Briggs. Read and accepted  
Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.



## The Joint Special Committee

Dec. 8, 1851  
City Wharf

of the City Council to whom was committed the order of March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1851 respecting the City Wharf have attended to the duty assigned them and are here to Report as follows. The original value of said wharf, as estimated by the Committee who were entrusted with the purchase of this and other large tracts of land in the vicinity, including Lincoln Hall Market and North and South Market Streets, was, as appears by their final report one hundred thousand dollars. This property on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 1831 was leased to William B. Reynolds and others, for twenty years from the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 1832, at an annual rent of Ten thousand dollars and upon the condition that the lessees should erect upon it Ten brick Stores, at their own cost. This lease, of course, will expire on the first day of September next, when the entire wharf, with the ten stores upon it, will become the exclusive property of the City. The stores though at the time substantial buildings, are now understood to be considerably out of repair and much inferior in style and accommodations, to modern structures, on locations of equal value. The Dock has also become obstructed and will require to be dredged, at an expense of three to four thousand dollars. The entire property, we learn, now yields an annual rent of Twenty five thousand dollars, (the stores paying and the wharfage 15,000) though at times the receipts have been less than the amount; and from the inquiries made by your Committee they are induced to believe that its present value is about three hundred thousand dollars. Your Committee presume that the interests of the City will be best consulted by a sale of the above property at some appropriate time, and an application of the proceeds to the pay-

ment of the city left, but, inasmuch as the case did not ex- 331  
pire till September 1<sup>st</sup> next, when some action on the part of the  
Municipal authorities will become necessary, they do not  
deem it proper to propose that any steps should now be taken  
in the matter, but recommend that the whole subject be refer-  
red to the early and careful consideration of the next city  
Government. Respectfully submitted, In behalf of the Committee,  
Henry B. Rogers, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down  
for concurrence. Came up concurred.

The Committee on Ordinances Messengers  
on the order of May 1<sup>st</sup> 1851 respecting Messengers & Porters  
reported as follows viz: "The present standing Committee on Ordinances,  
to whom the Order of May 1<sup>st</sup> last was submitted, beg leave  
to Report, that in their opinion it is not expedient at this  
time to take any action upon the above Order in behalf of the  
Committee Henry B. Rogers, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent  
down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Memorial of Alden Gifford re- Gifford  
specting his claim against the City, was read and referred to  
the Committee on Water. Sent down for concurrence. Came up  
concurred.

Whereas, a distinguished man Kinsult  
-lyr in the cause of liberty driven by the persecutions of the  
despots of the old world from continental Europe to seek a  
refuge on the shores of America, and whereas our National Govern-  
-ment has signified its high approval of his character and  
its regard for his misfortunes, by placing one of its ships of  
war at his disposal, and whereas the Congress of the United



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Such and various titles of our Union, are about taking steps  
to testify their approbation of his course and their interest in  
oppressed nations struggling for liberty, as exemplified in the  
person of the illustrious Ex-Governor of Hungary. Therefore it is  
Resolved by the City Council of Boston in the name of its  
citizens, that though Louis Kossuth is an exile with the price  
of tyranny upon his head, and a wanderer with the relent-  
less enmity of monarchists and despots pursuing him, we hail  
his name as we should his presence among us, with truer &  
higher honor than that of any whom the hereditary titles of  
centuries may proclaim distinguished. That his character  
as a patriot, a statesman, and a man, merit the unreser-  
ved approbation of our judgement, as his sufferings and per-  
secutions claim the full expression of our sympathy. And that  
his address to the Hungarian Nation embraces views and feel-  
ings peculiarly in unison with ours as Republicans and  
Americans, wherein he says "The new Government (of Hunga-  
ry) would be the opposer of Monarchy; that it should be a  
Republic to bless rather than to shine, and that the doctrine  
of the sovereignty of the people was accepted in all its conse-  
quences." Resolved, That a copy of the preamble and resolu-  
tions herewith, properly authenticated be transmitted to the  
illustrious stranger on his arrival in our Country. Passed in  
Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and referred  
to Aldermen Rogers, Kimball and Smith, with such as the Com-  
mon Council may join to consider and report thereon. Sent  
down for concurrence. Came up concurred, and the Common Coun-  
cil joined on it, put. Messrs. Putnam, Gardner, Erving, Smith and  
Washburn.

of the City Council, to whom was submitted the order of March Dec 2. 1851 31<sup>st</sup> last requiring them to consider and report when it will be Water Rents come necessary, or expedient, for the City Council to make provision for the deficiency in Water Rents and current expenses of the Department, to meet the interest on the Water Debt; have duly considered the same, and beg leave respectfully to Report: That the question, as to the time when it will become necessary for the City Council to make such provision as is above proposed, was submitted to the consideration of the City Solicitor, and, by his answer which is appended to this paper, it appears, that, in his opinion, the said time will commence on the expiration of two years from the thirtieth of April last, or on and after the first day of May eighteen hundred and fifty three: in which opinion this Committee concur. In view however, of the future probable condition of our affairs, and with a sincere conviction on our part, that the true interests of the City require the expression of the opinion, your Committee venture to recommend to the next City Council, that, should the Water Rents fail to meet the interest on the Water Debt for the ensuing year, as they undoubtedly will, a sum of money, sufficient to pay off the deficiency, should be raised and set aside for this purpose, by inserting the sum, say \$100,000.00 in the next Appropriation Bill: they being of opinion that in consequence of the fears call for large expenditures of money during the coming year, such an appropriation may be made without the necessity of increasing the rate of taxation beyond that of the past year; and your Committee request, that this recommendation be transmitted to the next City Government.



534 Respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Committee, Henry B.  
Dec 8 1851 Eger, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.  
Same up concurred.

Newspapers

Ordered, That from and after  
the commencement of the present financial year the Boston Daily  
Advertiser, Boston Atlas, Boston Post, Boston Courier, Evening Trans-  
cript, Boston Journal, and Evening Herald Newspapers be select-  
ed to publish all ordinances, laws, notices and advertisements  
required to be published by the City and any departments thereof  
in the public Journals and that the sum of Three hundred and  
fifty dollars be paid to the proprietors of each of the said newspapers  
in full for the same and no contract or bill for advertising in  
any Newspaper other than those herein enumerated shall be  
made or approved by any member of the City Government, or  
by any officer or member of any board chosen by the City Coun-  
cil unless by an express vote of the said Council. Also Ordered,  
that fifty per dollar per annum be paid the proprietors of  
the South Boston Gazette for publishing said ordinances, laws,  
notices and advertisements, and a like sum per annum be  
paid to the proprietors of the East Boston Ledger for publishing  
the same as aforesaid. Passed in Common Council. Same up  
for concurrence. Read and concurred with the following  
amendment at which "Boston Daily Times, Daily Herald,  
Daily Mail, and Daily Bee." On the adoption of this amend-  
ment, the yeas and nays being required, were taken as follows.  
Yeas The Mayor Aldermen Briggs, Grant, Holtwick, Munroe, Kim-  
ball and Smith seven say. Aldermen Eger and Clark two and  
so said amendment was adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned to Wednesday next, twelve o'clock. M.

At a meeting of the board 535

of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Wednesday the Tenth day of December, Anno Domini 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Holbrook and Kimball.

The board proceeded to examine Mayor the returns of votes for Mayor and Eight Aldermen and found them to be as recorded in the book kept for that purpose, as follows.

viz: Whole number of votes for Mayor 9801.

Necessary for a choice, 4901.

No person having that number, there was no choice for Mayor

Whole number of votes for Aldermen, 9750.

Aldermen.

Necessary for a choice, 4876.

John P. Ober had 6928.

Sampson Reed " 5278.

Thomas P. Rich " 6226.

Benjamin James " 4947.

Benjamin Leaver " 4886.

and they were duly elected Aldermen of the City for the year ensuing. No other person having the requisite number there are three vacancies in the Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That the above named gentlemen be notified of their election and that the result be published according to law.

Ordered; That Warrants be Warrants issued for the meeting of the legal voters of this City in their respective wards on Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December instant.



536 at 10 o'clock A.M. then and there to give in their ballots for a Mayor and three Aldermen, all of whom to be inhabitants of said city, to complete the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for the ensuing year. Also at the same time, to fill such vacancies as may exist in the offices of their respective Wards for the ensuing year. All the foregoing to be voted for on one ballot. The Polls to be kept open until 4 o'clock P.M.

Amory -  
Smoke  
consuming  
furnaces

On motion of Alderman Rogers the report and documents concerning Jonathan Amory's petition respecting Smoke consuming Furnaces were taken from the Table, and the report was accepted by the board, and is as follows, viz: The subject of the communication of Jonathan Amory Esquire, in respect to the prevention of Smoke from chimnies, has been considered by the Committee of Internal Health, to whom it was referred; and, from information derived from many scientific and practical men, and, especially, from the reports of Thomas Wicksteed, the celebrated English Engineer, Charles H. Haswell, Engineer in Chief, United States Navy, and a Committee appointed by the Association of Engineers of New England, they have no hesitation in saying, that, by the use of "Baker's improved boiler furnace" the evil complained of may be very much diminished, if not entirely avoided. In company with Professor Huxford, of Cambridge, the Committee examined one of these furnaces in the work shop of the Providence Rail Road Corporation; and, although it was, at this time, stoked with various kinds of fuel that usually give out a great deal of Smoke, they found no dark smoke issuing from the chimney, and, indeed, most of the time, only vapour. The Committee understand, that the furnace alluded to above has been introduced into Man-

-chester, in England, and that the Municipal Government of 537.  
that City imposed a fine, equal to the sum of \$25.00 for each  
day that a chimney smoked more than four minutes, after re-  
-plenishing the furnace with fuel, and that this sum was con-  
-stantly assessed. The Committee are also of opinion that, in  
addition to the avoidance of black smoke, now the subject of so  
much complaint on the part of many citizens, there must be,  
in respect to this furnace, a considerable saving of fuel: and  
for the simple reason, that smoke is unconsumed carbon, and  
is only to be seen where imperfect combustion takes place. The  
construction of Baker's furnace appears to be simple and of easy  
application to new or old boilers, without their being removed;  
and the Committee feel authorized in recommending it to the fa-  
-vourable notice of the government and others, especially at this  
time - when the introduction of Steam Engines in various sec-  
-tions of the City, and even in the vicinity of valuable dwelling  
houses renders the subject of increasing importance in its con-  
-nec-tion upon the comfort and health of the inhabitants. In behalf of  
the Committee, Henry B. Rogers, Chairman.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock P.M.



At a meeting of the board of  
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City  
Hall on Monday the fifteenth day of December, A.D. 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Board &

Ordered, That the City

Engineer be requested to make a profile of a new grade of

Meridian St.

Board and Meridian Street, East Boston, as asked for in the  
petition of Donald McKay, and others.

Summer

Ordered, That the Commit-

tee on

Saving be requested to inquire into the expediency of  
filling up the dock at the easterly end of Summer Street, for  
the continuation of said street and the protection of the City's  
common sewer in said dock.

Dowley.

Petition of Levi A. Dowley, and

others to have Alkinson Street re numbered from Purchase to  
Broad Streets. Referred to the Mayor.

Theremont

Ordered, That the Superinten-

Street

dent of sewers and drains be and he is hereby authorized &  
directed to grant permits to enter the common sewer in  
Theremont Street between Dorra and Thunson Streets, upon the  
payment of twenty dollars from each tenement.

Harbour

On the communication of  
George P. Newbury, respecting a vessel sunk in the channel  
the Committee on the Harbour, on the part of this board,  
reported, that no further action is necessary, the vessel hav-  
ing been removed. Read and accepted.

On the petition of Charles 539.

A. Ayling for abatement of an assessment for a sewer in Washington Street the Committee on Sewers and Drains reported, that the collection of said assessment be postponed until an entry into said sewer shall have been made. Read and accepted.

On the petition of Jonas Bessom

Bessom, respecting a common sewer in Webster Street, the Committee on Sewers and Drains reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

On the petition of James H. Whiton

Whiton, for abatement of an assessment for construction of a common sewer in Webster Street, the Committee on Sewers & Drains reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Ordered, That the order Springfield

which passed this board on the first day of December, 1851, establishing an assessment for constructing common sewer & sewerage in Springfield, Northampton and Tremont streets and the streets. passage ways adjoining, be and the same is hereby re-considered and declared of no effect.

Petition of John P. Ordway

Ordway, concerning his license to give concerts at Harmony Hall, and the employment of Police Officers thereat, refer to the Committee on Licenses.

On the petition of William John John

respecting his contract for removal of house offal at East Boston, the Committee on Internal Health reported that no further action is necessary. Read and accepted.



Petition of Alfred E. Chase, for  
 Dec. 15, 1851. remuneration of expenses in defending a suit brought  
 Chase against him, while in discharge of his duty as Watchman.  
 Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Wallis

Petition of M. Wallis, Jr.  
 for removal of stand of Dover Street Omnibuses. Referred  
 to the Committee on Licenses.

Richards.

Petition of Thomas Richards,  
 to be heard respecting his dismissal from the Watch. Referred  
 to the Committee on Licenses.

Auctioneer.

S. H. Gardiner licensed as an  
 Auctioneer and his bond approved.

Chamberlain

On the petition of Daniel Cham-  
 -berlain for leave to remove house offal from his public hous-  
 -es to his farm in West Cambridge, the Committee on Inter-  
 -nal health reported, that the subject is not within their  
 control, the City being under contract to deliver all house  
 offal to certain persons who have agreed to take the same,  
 and therefore that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.  
 Read and accepted.

Eliot.

Ordered, That the City Marshal  
 Atkinson St. cause the wall now standing on the land of John F. Eliot,  
 and others in Atkinson Street, to be forthwith taken down,  
 the same now being in an unsafe and dangerous con-  
 dition.

Sinclair

On the petition of Thomas Sin-  
 -clair, and others, to have Margaret Street repaired, the  
 Committee on paving reported, no further action necessary. Read and accepted.

ing to whom was referred the petition of William Stone and Dec<sup>r</sup> 15 1851  
 others, asking to have the stone wall on First Street, South First Street  
 Boston, now being built, continued, they paying their proper Stone.  
 lional part of the cost of the same, report: that they have Stevens  
 viewed the premises and considered the subject, and are of Conley  
 opinion that it would be for the interest of the City if a  
 Sea wall was erected from Page's wharf to Kiltrudges wharf  
 in front of F. Street, thereby protecting F. Street from the action  
 of the sea, which has already caused much damage to said  
 street, therefore they would recommend the passage of the  
 following Order. For the Committee, Billings Briggs Chairman.

Ordered, That there be paid to William Stone, Isaiah Stevens,  
 and C. C. Conley, owners and abutters of estates on First street  
 between Page and Kiltrudges wharf, one half of the expense  
 of erecting a suitable Sea wall in front of the above named  
 estates whenever the said proprietors shall cause said wall  
 to be built in such manner and form as shall be satisfac-  
 tory to the Superintendent of Streets, and the expense be  
 charged to the appropriation for Paving. Read, accepted and  
 the order passed.

Ordered, That with Kossuth.

such as the Mayor and Aldermen may join be a Commit-  
 tee to invite Louis Kossuth, the distinguished Hungarian  
 Exile, now in our country, to visit Boston and partake of  
 the hospitalities of our City, and that said Committee have  
 full power to make all suitable arrangements for his reception,  
 and charge the expenses of the same to the appropriation for  
 Incidental Expenses. In Common Council. Read and referred



542 to the Committee on the Resolutions of the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. concerning  
Dec. 15, 1851. Louis M'Spaulk to consider and report. Came up for concurrence.  
Read and concurred.

Dexter  
Bromfield St. Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of this City require that Bromfield Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to Thomas A. Dexter and wife in her right bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at the Northwestern corner of the premises herein described, and on the Northeastly side of Bromfield Street; thence Southeastwardly on a straight line, twenty three feet and eighty eight hundredths of a foot to the Northwestern corner of G. L. Johnson's land; thence Southwestwardly along the Southeastly boundary of said premises, one foot and twelve hundredths of a foot to the line of Bromfield Street; thence Northwestwardly along the Northeastly side of Bromfield Street, twenty three feet and ninety hundredths of a foot, to the point of commencement; containing thirteen square feet and fifty hundredths of a square foot, more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered That the parcel of land before described be and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City, according to a plan of the said premises made by E. S. Chesbrough, dated Dec<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> present, and deposited in the Office of the said Mayor and Aldermen.

Whereas this Board, by a Re= 543,

have passed this day has taken a certain parcel of land, more or less, in described, lying on Bromfield Street and laid out the same Street as a public Street or way of said City, it is therefore Ordered, Bromfield. That due notice be given to Thomas A. Dexter and wife in her right and all other persons interested as owners, proprietors, tenants, occupants, or otherwise, in said land that they cut off, pull down, remove and carry away all buildings, erections and obstructions of every sort standing on and projecting over the line of said Bromfield Street, as established by the Reserve aforesaid, or, move and set back the same to the said line, and vacate and surrender the land and premises taken as aforesaid on or before the twenty second day of December present. And in default thereof, the City Marshal is hereby directed and empowered forthwith to enter upon said land and cause all buildings, erections and obstructions standing on and projecting over the line of said Bromfield Street, as established by the Reserve aforesaid, to be cut off, pulled down, removed and carried away, or to be moved and set back to said line, and the said land to be vacated and surrendered under the direction of the Committee on laying out and widening Streets.

Resolved, That the safety and Summer St. convenience of the Inhabitants of this City require that Summer Street should be widened and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public Street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to William Foster, bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at the easterly corner of land of John C. Gray and at a point on the Northerly side



544 of Summer Street as widened from Washington Street; thence  
Dec. 15, 1851. Northeastwardly along the boundary of said Foster's land  
a distance of seven feet and eleven hundredths of a foot; thence  
Southeastwardly along the Northeastly side of Summer Street,  
twenty five feet and fifty eight hundredths of a foot; thence  
Southwestwardly on the boundary line between said Foster's  
and R. C. Winthrop, seven feet and seven hundredths of a foot;  
and thence Northwestwardly on a straight line twenty five  
feet and forty hundredths of a foot, to the point of commencement;  
containing One Hundred and seventy nine square feet and  
thirty two hundredths of a foot, more or less. And Whereas, due  
notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the  
said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the  
return hereunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel  
of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and  
laid out as a public street or way of the said City according  
to a plan of the said Taking made by E. J. Chestrough dated  
Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> instant, and deposited in the office of the said Mayor  
and Aldermen, and in pursuance of a Resolve passed March  
2<sup>nd</sup> 1848 and of the agreement of the City with the abutters on  
said Street in relation to the widening of the same and of  
the plan of W. P. Parrott explaining the same.

Whereas this Board, by a Resolve  
Summer St: passed this day has taken a certain parcel of land, therein  
described, lying on Summer Street and laid out the same  
as a public street or way of said City, it is therefore Ordered,  
That due notice be given to William Foster and all other  
persons interested as owners, proprietors, tenants, occupants, or

otherwise, in said land that they cut off, pull down, remove and 545  
carry away all buildings, erections and obstructions of every Dec 16 1831  
sort standing on and projecting over the line of said Summer  
Street, as established by the Resolve aforesaid, or, move and set  
back the same to the said line, and vacate and surrender  
the land and premises taken as aforesaid on or before the first  
day of January now next ensuing. And in default thereof, the  
City Marshal is hereby directed and empowered forthwith to enter  
upon said land and cause all buildings, erections and ob-  
structions standing on and projecting over the line of said  
Summer Street, as established by the Resolve aforesaid, to be  
cut off, pulled down, removed and carried away, or to be moved  
and set back to said line, and the said land to be vacat-  
ed and surrendered under the direction of the Committee  
on laying out and widening Streets.

Whereas a communication has been received from the Hon. William Appleton, Boston  
our Representative in Congress, respecting the protection of  
Boston Harbour, it is therefore, Ordered that the City Solicitor  
be authorized and requested, in behalf of the City and under  
the general directions of the Committee on the Harbour, to  
prepare a Memorial to Congress, setting forth the facts in  
relation to the wearing away of the Island and the chang-  
ing and filling up of the channels in the Harbour, and  
showing the propriety and urgent necessity of a large ap-  
propriation by them for its protection and safety. And that  
the same be signed by the Mayor and forwarded to the Hon.  
William Appleton as soon as may be. And be it Enacted that the  
City Solicitor be requested to act as Counsel for the City



546. in this matter and, if he deem it advisable, to repair to Wash-  
Dec. 15, 1857. ington and, with such assistance as he may desire, request  
a hearing before any committee to whom the subject matter  
may be referred by Congress; with full power, in conjunction  
with Mr Appleton, to collect evidence and do all other acts  
and things in the premises, which he may consider for the  
interests of the City. Read and the foregoing order were adopted.  
Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

bury- Communication of Thomas G.  
Harbour. bury, and the accompanying papers respecting the Beach at  
Point Shirley, were also referred to the City Solicitor; the sub-  
ject being connected with the previous order. Sent down for  
concurrence.

Population The Committee appointed under  
an order of July last to collect facts respecting the different clas-  
ses of our population; presented a report in print on that subject  
(being City Document No 60) which was accepted. Sent down  
for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Alms house Ordered, That the Committee  
on Public Buildings, who have caused to be erected the new  
Alms House at Deer Island, be authorized to report in print  
Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Lodge On the petition Philip Lovejoy,  
and others to have Mason Street repaired; of Benjamin Ames;  
Ames to have Rochester Street graded; the Committee on Paving  
reported no further action was necessary. Read & accepted.

The Committee on Paving, 547.

on the petition of Nathaniel Parre, and others to have a  
part of Warwick Street raised, reported a reference of said  
petition to the next board of Mayor and Aldermen, Feb. 15 1851.  
reference of the petition of Parrell Street to have side walk  
laid in Beverly Street. Read and accepted.

The Joint Standing Committee On

Public Buildings to whom was referred the order of the Board of  
School Committee, discontinuing the Old School, Report: That  
they have had the subject under consideration and as yet are  
unable to agree to any course of action for the disposal of the  
premises by the present City Council, therefore they would recom-  
mend that the whole subject be referred to the early attention  
of the next City Government. In the Committee Meeting Briggs  
Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.  
Same up concurred.

The Joint Standing Commit. Old Jail

tee on Public Lands to whom was referred the following order from  
City of Boston in board of Mayor and Aldermen June 23rd and was  
Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on Public  
Lands be and they are hereby authorized to dispose of the Old  
Jail Court House and land situated on Lowell Street either  
by public auction or private sale and the proceeds be paid  
into the City Treasury. Report: That they have disposed of the  
estate at private sale to Josiah L. Co. since for sixty nine thou-  
sand three hundred and fifty five 2/10 Dollars amounting  
to one dollar and fifty cents per foot including street, or  
about one dollar and eighty three cents per foot for land



548.  
Dec. 15. 1851. for building purposes. Ten per cent of the purchase money has been secured by a note and bond. The estate covers 46,236 <sup>85</sup>/<sub>100</sub> square feet of land, of which Mr. Amee is to reserve a strip thirty feet in width extending from Hall to Causeway Street, which the City have the right to lay out as a public street at any time they choose, without being at any expense for the land. The land is divided into thirty one lots, and the purchaser binds himself to erect within six months from April 1. 1852. ten houses of brick, iron or stone, and not less than three stories high, fronting on the North-east side of the proposed street, and also ten houses of a similar character, fronting on the South-west side of the street within a year from the first of April next. The buildings are to be occupied only for stores or dwelling houses. The buildings on the lots fronting on Garrett Street are to be of a similar character with the others, but the purchaser is not restricted as to the time of building. The materials of the old Jail &c. fall to the purchaser, but he cannot remove them from the land until the new buildings are completed, though he may move them from lot to lot as the necessity of building require. When ten houses are finished, the City will take a mortgage upon one for the land of both, and give a title deed. In the Committee, Messrs. Briggs, Reed and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

South Wharf  
Company.  
Brown.  
Sea Street.

Ordered, That the City Marshal be directed to notify the South Wharf Company and Charles H. Brown, the owners and abutters on Sea Street to cause their side walks to be paved with brick or flat stone and to cause the same to be supported, within Six days from date.

and convenience of the Inhabitants of this City require that Dec. 15. 1851  
 Alkinson Street should be widened and for that purpose it is Alkinson  
 necessary to take and lay out as a public Street or way of the Street  
 said City a parcel of land belonging to John T. Eliot, Ephraim  
 S. Eliot, Nathaniel S. Eliot, Ann Fleet, Henry Eliot, Frederick W.  
 Eliot, & C. W. Spring, Thos. J. & T. Millett, and Samuel Sanford,  
 bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at a point on the easterly  
 side of Alkinson Street, and at the Southwesterly corner of  
 Nathan Appleton's land; thence Southwardly along the easterly  
 side of said Street, forty seven feet and sixty two hun-  
 dredths of a foot, more or less, to the Southwesterly corner of the  
 premises herein described; thence easterly along the South-  
 easterly boundary of said premises four feet and ninety hun-  
 dredths of a foot to the Northwesterly corner of Nathaniel Sa-  
 nford's land; thence Northwardly on a straight line being the  
 proposed line for widening said Street, forty seven feet and  
 eight hundredths of a foot, more or less, to said Appleton's  
 land; thence along the Southerly boundary of said Appleton's  
 land, four feet and fifty hundredths of a foot, to the point of  
 beginning; containing two hundred and twenty one square  
 feet and sixty hundredths of a square foot, more or less. And  
 Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this  
 Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid,  
 as appears by the return herunto annexed, It is  
 therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described  
 be, and the same hereby is taken and laid out as a pub-  
 lic Street or way of the said City, according to a plan of  
 the said taking made by E. I. Cheekrough dated December 15. 1851.



550. and deposited in the Office of the said Mayor and Aldermen.  
Dec<sup>r</sup> 15. 1851.

Atkinson

street.

Eliots.

Living-

Sanford.

Whereas this Board, by a Resolve passed this day has taken a certain parcel of land, therein described, lying on Atkinson Street and laid out the same as a public street or way of said City, it is therefore Ordered that due notice be given to John Eliot, Ephraim Eliot, Nathaniel Eliot, John Fleet, Henry Eliot, Frederick M. Eliot and C. H. Living trustees of E. F. Kilbuck and Samuel Sanford and all other persons interested as owners, proprietors, tenants, occupants or otherwise in said land that they cut off, pull down, remove and carry away all buildings, erections and obstructions of every sort, standing on and projecting over the line of said Atkinson Street, as established by the Board aforesaid, or, move and set back the same to the said line, and vacate and surrender the land and premises taken as aforesaid on or before the twenty second day of December instant. And in default thereof, the City Marshal is hereby directed and empowered forthwith to enter upon said land and cause all building, erections and obstructions standing on and projecting over the line of said Atkinson Street, as established by the Board aforesaid, to be cut off, pulled down, removed and carried away, or to be moved and set back to said line, and the said land to be vacated and surrendered under the direction of the Committee on laying out and widening Streets.

McCarthy

On the petition of Lawrence McCarthy that the sidewalks in said street be repaired the Committee on Living reported favorably and without dissent. Resolved & accepted.

On the petition of R. Wright, 551.

for leave to construct a sidewalk in front of No. 3 Harrison St. 12. 1858.  
And the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Wright.  
Read and accepted.

On the petition of Otis Drury, Drury.

that there should be grading of George A. Sullivan and Charles Sullivan  
and be paid. the Committee on Paving reported leave to  
withdraw. Read and accepted.

The Joint Special Committee M<sup>r</sup>. Manus

to whom was referred the petition of P. M<sup>r</sup>. Manus and Albert  
Barker for reimbursement of certain money expended by them  
in defence of an action at law brought against them for dam-  
age arising from the grading of Webster Street under the di-  
rection of the City Authorities, have attended to their duty and  
Report: That after a careful examination of all the circum-  
stances of the case, the Committee are fully satisfied that the  
petitioners ought to be paid the expense they have been at on  
said suit, therefore they would recommend the passing of the  
following Order. Billings, Miss. Henry Smith, James B. Allen.  
Ordered, That the sum of two hundred and fifty four  
dollars be paid to Messrs P. M<sup>r</sup>. Manus, and Albert Barker,  
for reimbursement of money expended by them in defence of  
a suit brought against them by Messrs Allen and another  
for damages arising from the grading of Webster Street under  
and the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving.  
Read, accepted and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence.  
Came up concurred.

Adjourned to Thursday next four o'clock, P. M.



At a meeting of the board  
of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City  
Hall on Thursday the twentieth day of December, A.D. 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Mayor and  
Aldermen

The board proceeded to  
examine the returns of votes given in the several wards on  
the 17<sup>th</sup> instant, for a Mayor, and three Aldermen, as recorded  
in the book kept for that purpose.

The whole number of votes for Mayor was 8392.

Necessary for a choice 4197.

No person having that number, there was no election of Mayor.

The whole number of votes for Aldermen was 8165.

Necessary for a choice 4083.

No person having that number there was no election of  
Aldermen and there still remain three vacancies.

Warrants  
for Ward  
meetings.

Ordered; That warrants be  
issued for the meeting of the legal voters of this City in  
their respective Wards on Wednesday the twenty fourth day  
of December instant at 10 o'clock, A.M. then and there to  
give in their ballots for a Mayor and three Aldermen, all  
of whom to be inhabitants of said City to complete the Board  
of Mayor and Aldermen for the ensuing year. Also, at the  
same time and places to fill such vacancies as may exist  
in the offices of their respective Wards for the ensuing year.  
All the foregoing to be voted for on one ballot. The polls to  
be kept open until 4 o'clock, P.M.

mittee of the City Council, to whom were submitted the re- Dec. 18. 1851  
 solve and order passed December 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> last respecting Louis Kossuth.  
 Kossuth, beg leave respectfully to make the following Report. The  
 Inhabitants of Boston, in common with their fellow-citizens  
 in other places, take a deep interest in every sincere and well  
 directed effort to enlarge and secure the just liberties of  
 the people on the continent of Europe; and their sym-  
 pathies have, in an especial manner, been called out by  
 the events which have transpired in Hungary. Without, per-  
 haps, any very accurate knowledge, on the part of the public,  
 of the real objects and principles involved in the struggle  
 which has occurred in that country; its sad issue the skill  
 and bravery with which it was conducted, the privations  
 and sufferings to which the prominent actors have been sub-  
 jected, - and, especially, the enthusiasm, moral courage, intel-  
 lectual power and genius that have been displayed by  
 him, who is now an exile among us, have struck a  
 common chord in the hearts of our people and produced  
 a state of feeling that seeks to express itself. Your Committee,  
 therefore, are of opinion that some testimonial of respect  
 and consideration for Louis Kossuth, by the City Government  
 in its official capacity, would qualify the public mind and  
 be consistent with the sense which is entertained here of  
 his character and claims. They therefore beg leave to offer  
 to the City Council the accompanying Resol. as a sub-  
 stitute for the papers which were submitted to them. In behalf  
 of the Committee, Henry B. Rogers, Chairman. Resolved, that  
 a Joint Special Committee of the City Council, consisting



554. of three members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
Dec 1. 1851 with such as the other Branch may join, be appointed to  
invite Louis Képaik to visit Boston at his earliest convenience,  
and, in the name and behalf of the inhabitants, to tender  
to him the hospitalities of the City. Read, accepted and the  
Alders passed and thereupon, Ordered, that the Committee  
who drafted the foregoing be a committee to carry the same  
into effect. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Dunham

Petition of Josiah Dunham, Jr.

and others, to have the polls opened at eight o'clock, A.M. at  
the next meeting held for voting for Mayor. Read and placed  
on file.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the board of  
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City  
Hall on Monday the Twenty Second day of December A.D. 1851

Present

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Kimball.

Harbour

A communication was re-  
ceived from George F. Ticknory, Harbour Master, respecting ice  
in the Harbour, asking authority to use all necessary measures  
to prevent the closing of the Harbour. Read and referred  
to the Mayor with full power.

Petition of William C. Blanchard - 555.

Blanchard, to have an assessment made upon him for a drain in Washington Street abated. Dec 22 1851  
Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drains.

Petition of David Putnam & Co. Putnam,  
and others, occupants of Faneuil Hall Market, that said Market  
market be kept open on Christmas eve and closed on  
Christmas day. Referred to the Committee on the Market with  
full power.

Petition of John M. Barnard, Barnard,  
proprietor of the Boston Herald to have William H. Noyes ap-  
pointed a Special Police Officer, at their building in William's  
Court. Referred to the Mayor.

Petition of J. A. Hathorne & Co. Hathorne & Co.  
that their line of Omnibuses may be extended to Chester Square.  
Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of O. I. Quimby, Quimby  
for leave to keep open the cellar way N<sup>o</sup> 14 Haverhill Street in  
the day time. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of J. A. Sweet, and Sweet  
others, that Webster street be lighted. Referred to the Committee  
on Lamps.

Petition of Edward J. Tulbot, Tulbot  
to have lamps placed and lighted in Pembroke Street. Referred  
to the Committee on Lamps.

Report of the Grand Jury Grand  
of the Municipal Court was received from the clerk of that Jury  
Court. Laid upon the table.



Dec 22 1851. to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Richards, to be Richard's heard respecting his being dismissed from the Watch, reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Faneuil Hall

Market

An Ordinance in addition to an Ordinance in relation to Faneuil Hall Market, having been passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and laid upon the Table.

M<sup>r</sup>. McCarthy

The Committee on Licenses reported leave to withdraw, on the communication of Lawrence McCarthy. Read and accepted.

Watchmen

Freeman Hinckley, H. T. Dean, Stowell Butler, Washington Grant, Nehemiah Goodwin, Adolphus Kempf, Charles H. Wright, George W. Chase, and Frederick Gage, were nominated and appointed Watchmen.

Ordway

On the petition of John P. Ordway, for a license to give concerts at Harmony Hall for one year. The Committee on Licenses reported that leave be granted. Read and accepted.

Emerson

On the petition of Romanus Emerson, for a common sewer in the Old Road, from I. to K. Streets, the Committee on Sewers and Drains reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Fire

Ordered, That the Committee on the subject of the system of Telegraphic Fire Alarms, now in course of construction, have leave to report in print. Sent down for concurrence.

Ordered, That there be paid 557.

to the proprietors of the following Newspapers viz: the Boston Daily Express, Atlas, Boston Courier, Daily Advertiser, Daily Post, Evening Journal, Evening Transcript and Evening Traveller at the rate of Three hundred and fifty dollars per annum from May 1. 1851. to Decr 31. 1851. in full for advertising done and to be done by the above papers, for the time specified. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Application from the School Wells Committee for the use of the ward room in the Wells School. School house for the accommodation of said School. Read and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings on the part of this board.

The Superintendent of common sewers presented schedules of the cost of constructing common sewers in Pearl street, between Purchase and High streets; and in Bennington street, East Boston. Referred to the Committee on Sewers & Drains.

On the petition of Washington Munroe, for liberty to drain his vault into the common sewer in Deacon street; of John Griggs, to repair a drain in Fenox street; of John D. Kiltledge and others, to have obstructions removed from the sewer at the bottom of Fyette street; of John Cowdin, and others, to have a sewer laid in Charlestown street at their own expense; - the Committee on Sewers and Drains reported, that no further action was necessary. Read and accepted.



Dec 22 1851 be authorized to transfer from the appropriation for Unliquidated claims, ten thousand dollars and add the same to the appropriation for Paving and Repair of Streets. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

McKay,  
Meridian,  
Border,  
White,  
Cass,  
Falcon,  
Shack.

The Committee on Paving, to whom was referred the petition of Donald McKay, and R. G. Shaw, and others, asking that the grade of Border, Meridian and other streets may be reduced. Report: That they have met the petitioners in company with the City Engineer on the premises, and learn from them that they are owners and occupants of estates on Border Street. It appears that Border Street is a Marginal Street, and the estates lying west on said Street are intended for wharves and extensive Ship Yards, and that great improvements are now going on there. The grade of Border Street as set by Joseph Perrett & Sells, and established by the Board of Mayor & Aldermen is now twenty eight feet above high water mark; a grade so steep would greatly injure the property. After carefully considering the whole subject, they would recommend the passing of the accompanying order. For the Committee, Billings Briggs, Chairman. Ordered, That the Board accept and adopt the grades of the following Streets, viz: Meridian Street, from Border to seventy five feet south of White. Border Street from Border to one hundred feet south of White. White Street from Border to Marion. Eagle Street, from Border to Mack. Falcon Street, from Border to Shack. Said grade being those proposed by the City Engineer, and shown on the

plan of the same, by said Engineer, dated December 20<sup>th</sup> 1851. 559.  
and deposited in the office of the Mayor and Aldermen, Dec 22 1851  
providing, that no cost or expenses be made to the City, either for  
the grading or damage to estates, or any cause connected with  
said change of grade. Read, accepted and the order passed.

Ordered, That there be paid Hutchins.  
to C. Hutchins one hundred and twenty five dollars, with Myrtle  
interest from the fifteenth day of September last; and, also, if not paid  
already paid, the expenses of setting back the fence and re-  
pairing the building which stood on the land taken from  
the lot of land in possession of said Hutchins, in pursuance  
of the annexed agreement and award, and on the terms  
and conditions in said award contained. Also, Ordered,  
that there be paid to W<sup>m</sup> J. Hubbard, Paul Adams & Stephen  
P. Fuller the further sum of forty dollars, the same being for  
the costs of arbitration: and that said several sums be charg-  
ed to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets.

Ordered, That there be paid Livermore  
to J. Livermore the sum of Fifty dollars, with interest thereon  
from the fifteenth day of September last, in pursuance of  
the agreement and award hereto annexed and upon the  
terms and conditions in said award contained: also, Order-  
ed, that there be paid to W<sup>m</sup> J. Hubbard, Paul Adams and  
Stephen P. Fuller the further sum of Thirty dollars the same  
being the amount charged for costs of arbitration; and  
that the said several sums be charged to the appropriation  
for laying out and widening Streets.



Sic 22, 1851 and other proprietors of the Boston Merkur, that said paper Hofman, be allowed to publish the City advertisements &c. Read and referred to the Committee on Finding. Sent down for concurrence.

Chase

The Committee on Licenses recommend that the petitioner A. G. Chase be allowed the sum of Twenty seven dollars as appraised by Capt. Barry and justly due said A. G. Chase in the opinion of your Committee. M. Grant, Chairman. Ordered. That there be paid to Alfred G. Chase a Watchman in the service of the City, the sum of Twenty seven dollars, to indemnify him for the expenses of a suit brought against him, while in the discharge of his official duty, agreeably to the report of the Committee on Licenses - and that the same be charged to the appropriation for incidental expenses and Miscellaneous Claims. Read accepted and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Adjourned to Wednesday next, 4 o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the board of 561

Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston held at City Hall  
on Wednesday the Twenty fourth day of December, A. D. 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Kimball.

On the petition of J. N. Hathorne, Hathorne 76.

That their line of Omnibuses be extended to Chester Square  
the Committee on Licenses reported that leave be granted. Read  
and accepted.

On the petition of David Pul- Pulsifer.

sifer & others, that the Faneuil Hall Market be opened Market.  
on Christmas Eve, and closed on Christmas day, the Commit-  
tee on the Market reported that leave be granted. Read and  
accepted.

Communication from the Au- Appropriation.

-ditors. Stating that the appropriation for Public Lands was ex-  
-hausted. Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.  
Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Ordered, That a Joint Special Deer Island

Committee be appointed to investigate the cause and at- Alms house  
tending circumstances of the accident which occurred in  
the New Alms House at Deer Island on the 23<sup>d</sup> instant, and  
report to this Council; - Also, Ordered, That said Committee  
express their opinion as to the expediency of removing the  
Steam Boilers outside of the main building. Passed; and  
Aldermen Grant, Holbrook and Clark were appointed on the  
part of this Board. Sent down for concurrence.



Have.

On the petition of Cran-

ston have for an abatement of his taxes the Committee on the Assessors department reported that a hearing be had before the whole board. Read and accepted, and William Brigham Esquire Attorney to the petitioner presented to the Board a statement of facts in the case. After which the subject was laid on the Table.

Adjourned to Friday next ten o'clock A.M.

At a meeting of the board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Friday the Twenty sixth day of December A.D. 1851

Present

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Alderman Grant.

Ward No. 1

A communication was received

Voters

from the citizens of Ward No. 1 respecting the condition of the Voting list of the Ward, in which the names of those persons who had not paid a tax assessed upon them within two years were not designated by any marks or dots. Read and referred to Aldermen Rogers and Thibault. The above named Committee

submitted the following report. - The Committee appointed to 302  
investigate the matter complained of in a Petition from the Citizens of Ward One, respecting the condition of the Voting List of that Ward on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December instant. Report: That an order was passed by this Board, previous to the Municipal Election, directing the City Treasurer to designate on the Voting Lists the names of all persons who had not paid a tax assessed upon them within two years, according to law; that said order was complied with, and that all such persons were so designated by placing two dots on the left of their names. That previous to the first Municipal Election, on the 8<sup>th</sup> instant, a similar order was passed by this Board, and the names of all persons, who had neglected to pay their taxes, as above, were again designated by the City Treasurer. That at the second trial, (on the 17<sup>th</sup> instant) these dots which marked the delinquent tax payers, were suffered to remain on the Voting Lists, there being no sufficient time for a new examination of the Treasurer's Books; and the Inspectors of the different Wards were requested to mark the names of the voters on the right, instead of the left side, as heretofore. That in order to prepare the Voting Lists for the third trial (on the 24<sup>th</sup> instant), inasmuch as the names of those persons, who had previously voted, had now the Inspectors' marks on both sides the right and left, it became necessary to erase the checks from the left side of the names, it being impracticable from the difference in length of the names to erase them on the right side, and that this erasure destroyed also the dots, which had been placed there. This erasure was made on all the Ward Lists in the City and was not confined, as may



564 have been supposed, to Ward One alone: and it was a  
Dec. 26. 1851. measure almost absolutely necessary, for the lists had been  
used so many times that unless one set of marks had been  
crucial the Ward Officers, at the last election, would clearly  
have had no clean margin on which to check the names  
of persons voting on that day. Your Committee find that  
the work of designating the names of delinquent voters, as  
above, is one requiring great care and labor, and occupies  
a longer time than the interval between the foregoing elec-  
-tions. It appears that the names of delinquent voters have  
been designated three times, and any such voter, who has  
been cautioned or deterred from voting once, twice or thrice,  
cannot expect to avoid the proper legal penalty simply be-  
-cause his name is not dotted at subsequent trials. It is prop-  
-er, however, to observe, that there is no law requiring this  
process of dotting the List, and the practice has been adopted  
only by way of extra caution, and for the purpose of inform-  
-ing the Ward Officers, and through them, the persons inter-  
-ested, that certain citizens "have not paid a tax assessed  
upon them within two years," according to law: and any such  
citizen after receiving such notice from a Ward Officer  
votes at his peril, and is liable to prosecution. The vote  
of a person, whose name is dotted cannot be refused by the  
Ward Officers, and the counting of such a ballot by them  
will not invalidate an election. The only and the proper  
remedy for such a case is a prosecution at law. It appears  
that this notice by means of dots has been given three  
times this season, which would seem to be sufficient for the  
purpose intended, and is once more than has been usual

notice. Your Committee have caused an examination to 565  
be made of the Treasurer's books, in order to ascertain how Dec 26 1831  
many delinquents were registered on the List of Ward One, on  
the 24<sup>th</sup> instant; and they find, that there are 177 persons,  
whose names are upon that list, who have not paid taxes  
for two years, as above, of these, an inspection of the Ward  
list shows, that but one voted on the day mentioned in the  
complaint. His name had therefore been dotted three before,  
and the mere absence of the dots at the fourth trial cannot  
destroy the consciousness, which he must already have had,  
that his taxes had not been paid for the last two years. In con-  
clusion, your Committee find that all the measures requisite  
and usual respecting the Voting Lists and Elections have been  
fully complied with, and that the difficulty, complained of  
in the communication referred to them, can only occur in  
cases of protracted elections, during the very short intervals  
of which there is not time for repeated examinations of the  
Treasurer's books for two years. Before closing this report the  
Committee would state that the Mayor and Aldermen are  
bound to receive the returns, as sent to them by the Ward  
Officers of the different Wards, and cannot go behind those re-  
turns for any alleged informality in any Ward. Your Committee  
therefore do not perceive that any further action is necessary  
on the subject referred to them, and they ask to be discharged  
from the further consideration of the same. In behalf of the  
Committee, Henry B. Rogers, Chairman. Read and accepted

The Board proceeded to Mayor &  
examine the returns of votes in the several wards in following order.



500 each for Mayor and three Aldermen, to complete the board  
report of Mayor and Aldermen for the ensuing year and found  
them to be as follows, viz:

The whole number for Mayor was 7976.

Necessary for a choice 3989.

Benjamin Seaver had 3990.

and he has been duly elected Mayor of the City of Boston,  
for the year ensuing. They also found the whole number of  
votes for three Aldermen to be 7917.

Necessary for a choice 3959.

Jacob Kipper had 4905.

Benjamin L. Allen " 4254.

Lyman Perry " 4838. And

they have duly elected Aldermen of the City of Boston for the  
year ensuing.

Tyler

The Committee on the petition  
of John S. Tyler, and others, that certain inducements be offered  
them to build on land purchased of the City on Chester Square  
reported a reference of the matter to the next City Council. Read  
and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Midland  
Rail Road.

On the petition of the President  
and Directors of the Midland Rail Road Company, respecting  
the location of their road from South Boston to Boston proper  
through Fore point channel, the Committee on the Harbour re-  
ported that the subject be referred to the next City Council.  
Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

The Committee on Paving, 567.

to whom was referred the petition of C. F. Lumby, for leave to keep open the cellar way No 11, Churchill Street on the day Monday time, read the following Order. To the Committee, <sup>holding</sup> Churchill St. Briggs, Chairman. Ordered, That the City Marshal be directed to cause to be closed the cellar door way to estate No 11 Churchill Street. <sup>except under pass.</sup>

The Committee on the Har- Lamb

-bour to whom was referred the remonstrance of Thomas Lamb, and others against the granting and filling up of certain flats between the Navy Yard and Maiden Bridge, report: That no action is required, the Legislature not having granted any Act for the same. Per order of the Committee, C. W. Clark Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

The Committee on the Har- Williams

-bour to whom was referred the petition of Frederick J. Williams, and others, and the order of notice thereon, for leave to take a portion of flats in Altyric River from Chelsea Bridge and adjacent to their estates; Report: That no action is required, the Legislature not having granted them an Act. Per the Committee, C. W. Clark, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P.M.



At a Special meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Friday the Twenty sixth day of December, A.D. 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Aldermen Holbrook and Smith.

Appropriation.

Communication from the Auditor of Accounts, stating that the appropriation for Bridges is expended. In Common Council referred to the Committee on Finance. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Adjourned to Monday next, four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Monday the Twenty ninth day of December, A.D. 1851.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen, except Alderman Holbrook

Child.

For Street.

The subject of opening a new Street at the South end as prayed for by Stephen Child and others, having come before the board, and it appearing that the owners and abutters, on the lands proposed to be taken had complied with all the conditions required by the City, on motion of Alderman Clark the Committee on laying out and widening Streets were directed to report a Resolve

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taking such portions of the land belonging to the several  
abutters as shall be necessary to lay out the contemplated  
Street, - Whereupon the following Order of Notice was passed,  
Whereas, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and con-  
venience of the inhabitants require that a new street, forty  
feet wide, with a grade fifteen feet above low water mark,  
should be laid out as a public street, or way of said City,  
from Worthington Street, near the estate of Henry M. Hancock  
to Clement Street, as prayed for by Stephen Child and others,  
it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to Hen-  
ry M. Hancock, William Sall, Ellis G. Loring, C. H. Mather Eben-  
ezer Hobbis, and Warren White that this Board intend to make  
and lay out the street before mentioned, by taking a part  
of the land now owned by the parties aforesaid, and lay-  
ing out the same as a public street - and that Saturday  
the Third day of January next at eleven o'clock A. M.  
is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which  
may be made thereto.

Petition of Samuel Curtis, Curtis  
and others, to have lamps placed and lighted in Hamburg  
Street; and the petition of John Clark, and others, to have a  
gas lamp placed and lighted at the western end of Green  
Avenue. Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

The Committee on the erection New Jail  
of the New Jail presented their final report in print, being  
City document No. 1, which was read and accepted.



Dec 29, 1851. Health, pursuant to an order of this board passed July 28<sup>th</sup> 1851 presented a report respecting the Drainage of the South-  
 Drainage western section of the city, into the Back Bay. Read and or-  
 dered to be printed and referred to the next City Government,  
 being City Document N<sup>o</sup> 71.

Council The Joint Special Committee  
 Bull Market on Faneuil Bull Market presented their report in print,  
 being city document N<sup>o</sup> 62, Accepted in Common Council.  
 same up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Mead Remonstrance of Alphus Mead,  
 and others, against the removal of the outside stands from  
 Market Street, was read.

Faneuil Hall An Ordinance in relation to  
 Market. Faneuil Hall Market which passed in Common Council  
 on the 18<sup>th</sup> instant, was taken from the Table, and passed in  
 concurrence.

Wood Resignation of James Wood as  
 Assistant Engineer of the Boston Fire Department, was read  
 and sent down.

Wallis On the petition of M. Wallis, Jr.  
 for the removal of the stand for the Larcy Street omnibuses, the  
 Committee on Licenses report that said stand be removed to  
 their new brick stable, a little south of Dover Street, where  
 they have a passenger reception room. Read and accepted.

New Jail. Ordered, That Joseph Eveleth, Esq.  
 Sheriff of Suffolk County be respectfully requested to appoint

some suitable day during the present Municipal year when 571  
the members of the City Council can have an opportunity of Dec 24, 1851  
examining the New Jail in Cambridge Street. Referred in com-  
mon Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and placed on  
file - the Sheriff having invited the city Council to visit the  
Jail on the 30<sup>th</sup> inst

The report of the Superinten- Public  
-dent of Public Lands for the last quarter. Read, accepted  
and ordered to be printed. Sent down for concurrence.

On the petition of Andrew Blanchard  
Blanchard and others, that the name of Garden Court  
Street be changed, the Committee on names of streets, reported,  
that said measure is inexpedient. Read and accepted.

On the remonstrance of Isaac Harris  
Harris, and others, against having the name of Garden Court  
Street changed, the Committee on names of streets, reported,  
that no action is necessary. Read and accepted.

On the petition of Patrick Green, Green.  
that the line of First Street be defined, the Committee on laying  
out and widening Streets, reported, that said petition be refer-  
-red to the next City Government. Read and accepted.

On the petition of Henry L. Suggett  
Suggett, respecting a nuisance in Kelly Street the Committee  
on Internal Health reported, that no further action is required  
thereon. Read and accepted.



Dec. 24 1851 Whitney the Committee on Sewers and Drains reported, that the applicant said in his petition for the construction of a common sewer in Cross Street, be postponed until an entry shall have been made into such sewer from his estate. Read and accepted.

Ash street.

Ordered, That the buildings & lots on Ash Street be renumbered, and that Mr. George Adams be authorized to do the same.

Butler

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Nathaniel Butler, and others, that Tyler street be renumbered, reported, that no further action is necessary the object of the petition having been accomplished. Read and accepted.

Pearl St.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the First day of September 1851 a common sewer has been constructed in Pearl Street, east of High Street, the cost of which was Four Hundred and fifty dollars and seventy six cents, one quarter part thereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Three hundred and thirty eight dollars <sup>67</sup>/<sub>100</sub> to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law. It is therefore, Ordered that the persons named in the schedule herunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or assigns.

Whereas, pursuant to an Order 573.

of the Board passed on the twelfth day of May 1851, public notice Dec. 29 1851 thereof having first been given, a common sewer has been constructed in Bennington Street, the cost of which was Seven hundred and thirty two dollars and thirty six cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains Five hundred and forty nine dollars <sup>24</sup>/<sub>100</sub> to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore, Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule herunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid their tenants or lessees.

Ordered, That the number- Streets  
-ing of the buildings and lots on Shawmut Avenue, Myrtle, numbered  
Tyler, Groton, Bradford, Huminary, May, Torwick, Federal,  
Grove, North Margin, and South Margin Streets as arranged  
by Mr. George Adams, and agreeable to schedule herewith  
annexed, marked B be and is hereby adopted.

The Committee on Institutions Institutions  
at South Boston and on Deer Island, beg leave to report that at the Boston  
on the order in regard to a New Chapel at House of Industry on Dec  
of May 12<sup>th</sup> 1851 - the order of Sept<sup>r</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1851 in regard to the Island  
expediency of building a Sea Wall in rear of Sanatic Hospital  
-tal - on the petition of the Overseers of the House of Correction  
for increased room in Work Shops, of May 5<sup>th</sup> 1851 - the report of



574. the Master of the House of Correction in regard to enlarging  
Dec. 29, 1851 the Chapel at that Institution, dated June 16<sup>th</sup> 1851, and propos-  
al of Benjamin James for doing the same of similar date —  
that no further action is necessary. — Also, that the order of  
May 12<sup>th</sup> 1851, in regard to heating and ventilating the New  
Farm House at Deer Island, the proposition of Isaac Jones to do  
the masonry of the proposed alteration at the House of Correc-  
tion of June 16<sup>th</sup> 1851, and the communication from the Direc-  
tor of the House of Industry of January 16<sup>th</sup> 1851, in regard to  
iron bedsteads at Deer Island have all been complied with  
or application withdrawn. For the Committee, J. M. Wright.  
Accepted in Common Council. Came up for concurrence Read  
and concurred.

House of  
Correction.

The Committee on Institutions  
at South Boston and Deer Island to whom was referred  
the memorial of the Directors of the House of Correction have  
attended to the duty assigned them and beg to report, that,  
The Committee highly approve of the respectful tone of the  
memorial, but at the same time cannot believe its reason-  
-ing to be substantial or conclusive. — It seems to them  
that a Resident Physician would be much more capable  
of detecting imposition and feigned illness, than one re-  
-siding at a distance, and who is necessarily at the Insti-  
-tution but a short period daily. Although the amount to  
be saved to the City is but \$200 yearly, yet they believe  
the plan they have advised is not only so much cheaper,  
but is also much better to all concerned. The Directors of  
the House of Industry have, they are informed, yielded at  
once to the expressed wishes of the City Council, discharged

their visiting Physician and employed the Resident one. 575

The Committee can but add that their previous views are Dec. 29. 1851.

confirmed by the action of this latter board and still more so that the Directors of the House of Correction are known to be gentlemen of ability and experience, yet are not able to produce stronger arguments to sustain the views they take than are contained in their Memorial. The Committee recommend that a copy of this report be sent by the City Clerk to the Directors of the House of Correction. For the Committee Henry J. Gardner. Accepted in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Ordered, That there be paid, Moore, to Abraham Moore, Eliza Moore and Edward N. Moore the sum Myrtle Ct. of Thirty eight hundred and seventy dollars, with interest thereon from the fifteenth day of September last, in pursuance of the Agreement and award hereto annexed and upon the terms and conditions in said award contained. Ordered, That there be paid to William J. Hubbard, Paul Adams, and Stephen P. Fuller, the further sum of One Hundred & ten dollars, the same being the amount charged for costs of arbitration. And that the said several sums be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets.

On the petition of A.D. Puffer Puffer and Thomas Brown, the Joint Special Committee on the Fire & Brown Harms, reported that no further action is required. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.



Dec 27, 1851 - See on Public Buildings and Lands to whom was referred  
 Hay Scales the following Order of July 1<sup>st</sup> 1851 "Ordered, That the Joint  
 Standing Committee on Public Buildings be and they are  
 hereby authorized in connection with the Committee on  
 Public Land to sell or otherwise dispose or lease if they  
 deem proper and upon such terms as they think advisable  
 the whole or any part of the Hay Scales in Hay Market  
 Square, and the whole or any part of the Land connected  
 therewith." - Report, that they have disposed of the Hay Scale  
 estate near Haymarket Square containing about 3200 feet  
 of Land for \$10,000. to Ulrich Ritchie on the following terms  
 viz. ten per cent of the purchase money to be paid in one  
 year, the remainder in nine equal payments with inter-  
 est annually. A plan of the above described premises drawn  
 by the City Engineer of said City, of even date herewith is  
 recorded with Suffolk Deeds at the end of Lib. 624. reserving  
 however to said City and its successors and assigns from said  
 premises for public weighing scales, and for the purpose  
 of weighing and for office and other rooms appurtenant to  
 a weighing to be connected with such Hay Scales, and for  
 the purposes connected therewith, a space of the width of  
 22 feet and 6 inches, and in length running from Mer-  
 rimac Street to Canal Street, and of the clear height  
 of 14 feet measuring from the evel of the adjacent side-  
 walk, also the Land under said space. This agreement is  
 however upon the following conditions, and any convey-  
 ance of said land so to be conveyed, shall contain said  
 conditions to wit: 1<sup>st</sup> That no building of less than three stories

in height nor of any other materials for its exterior walls 577  
than brick, stone or iron shall be erected on said land. Dec. 29 1851  
so to be conveyed. 2<sup>d</sup> The extreme southerly end of the build-  
-ing to be erected on said premises shall have circular cor-  
-ners from the level of the street to the cornice of the build-  
-ing. 3<sup>d</sup> That the said Ritchie or his heirs or assigns, at his  
and their own cost, within one year shall find all the ma-  
-terials for doing and performing for said city all the work,  
and shall do and perform for it all the work hereinbefore men-  
-tioned. And the whole of said work is to be done under the  
direction and to the satisfaction of the Committee on Public  
Buildings, in accordance with a plan made by Guidley J. F.  
Bryant, and deposited in the City Hall of said city, and a  
copy of which plan is recited with the plan first herein  
mentioned. And your Committee further report, that said  
Ritchie has complied with the terms of his contract with the  
city by already erecting a fine block of stores of four stories in  
height on said premises, and that the Hay Scales are now  
in use with every convenience required and appear to  
give general satisfaction to all interested. For the commit-  
-tee, William Briggs, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent  
down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

Ordered, That there be paid. Dexter  
to Thos. A. Dexter the sum of eighty one dollars for land taken  
to widen Bromfield Street, upon his giving to the city a deed  
for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all  
damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking;  
and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying  
out and widening Streets.



Dec 27 1851  
Blanchard

E. Blanchard, for an abatement of an assessment made upon him for a drain in Washington Street; the committee on Sewers and Drains, report, that in as much as William E. Blanchard was one of the petitioners for the Common Sewer on Washington Street and has entered the same from his estates in said Street, that he have leave to withdraw his petition. Billings Briggs Chairman. Read and accepted.

Fire  
Alarms

Ordered, That the joint Special

committee of the City Council which was appointed under the order passed June 16<sup>th</sup> last to construct a suitable apparatus for the Telegraphic System of Fire Alarms be and the same hereby are authorized to expend the sum of Three thousand dollars in addition to the amount appropriated to this object in said order, provided the same shall be required for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred in constructing said apparatus. Also it is further Ordered, That Moses G. Farmer be and he is hereby appointed to superintend and take charge of the entire apparatus of the Telegraphic System of Fire Alarms in this City for the six months next ensuing, at a salary of one hundred dollars per month from the first day of January next upwards previously removed by the next City Council. The joint Special Committee on Fire Alarms, who were authorized to report in print submitted their report (which is City Document No 74) with the foregoing orders, which was read, accepted and the order passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred.

On the petition of George Howe, 579.

the Committee on laying out and widening Streets report that Dec. 29. 1851  
they have not been able to agree with the petitioner as to the Howe  
amount of damage that ought to be paid him on account of Congress St.  
the action of the City in raising the grade of Congress Street op-  
posite his premises and therefore that he have leave to withdraw.  
For the Committee Henry B. Rogers, Chairman. Read & accepted.

The Committee on Finance to Appropriations  
whom were referred the Auditor's communications of the 24<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>  
instants, have considered the subject and now recommend the  
passage of the annexed order. For the Committee, John P. Bigelow.  
Chairman. Ordered, That the following transfer of appropriations  
be made by the Auditor of Accounts, viz: add to Bridges, One  
thousand dollars by a transfer from the Watch Department; add  
to Public Lands Six thousand dollars by a transfer of that  
amount from Grammar Schools. Read, accepted and the Or-  
der passed. Sent down for concurrence. Same up concurred.

The following Report on the Order Perambulation.  
of October 13 1851 in relation to the perambulation of Town and  
City lines, was submitted: The Committee appointed under the  
within order Report, that the Committee have fully complied  
with the same, that the Mayor and Aldermen met the Repre-  
men of the several towns named within on the fifteenth day  
of November last and run and perambulated the boundary  
lines between the City and Roxbury, Dorchester and Brookline  
and made a due return in writing and description of the  
same according to law. For the Committee, J. B. Rogers Chairman. Read  
and accepted.



Dec. 29. 1851 made complaint to the Board acting as County Commissioners, that he was taxed at more than his just proportion for the year Eighteen hundred and fifty and being aggrieved by the same, he applied for an abatement of said taxes: and it appearing to the Board after a full hearing of all the evidence in the case, that the value of said Howe was over-ruled by the assessors in said year, as is alleged by him and that he has complied with all the provisions of law in such cases made and provided, the Board do therefore adjudge that the sum of Eighty one <sup>60</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars be abated from the taxes assessed on said Cranston Howe for the year Eighteen Hundred and fifty.

Barnard.

Police

On nomination of the Mayor and agreeable to the petition of John M. Barnard, William H. Noyes was appointed a Special Police Officer for Williams' Court.

Adjourned to Wednesday December 31. 1851.

At a meeting of the board 581.

of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Wednesday the thirty first day of December A.D. 1851.

Present

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Ordered, That the Mayor Map of Boston be and he is hereby authorized to furnish each member of this Board with a map called M<sup>r</sup> Intyre's Map of Boston, and the adjacent Cities. Also such other number of copies as may be deemed expedient.

Resolved: That in view of Faneuil Hall Market, all the facts elicited before a Joint Special Committee of the City and Market Government on certain subjects connected with the Faneuil Hall Market, we deem it our duty to call the early attention of the next City Government, to the important subject of appointing a suitable person for the office of Clerk of the Market. Read and unanimously adopted.

Adjourned to Saturday January 3. 1852.



At a meeting of the board of  
Maya and Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at City Hall  
on Saturday the third day of January, Anno Domini 1852.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Mayor and  
Aldermen  
Association

Petition of the Massachusetts  
Inventive Mechanic Association, for a renewal of their lease  
of Quincy Hall. Read and referred to the next City Govern-  
ment.

Summer

The Committee on Paving, to

Street

whom was referred the order of December 15, last, respecting the  
Summer Street dock, reported that the same be referred to  
the early attention of the next City Government. Read & accepted.

Public  
Library

The report of the Committee on

the Public Library (being City Document N<sup>o</sup> 79) came up from  
the Common Council with an order that the same be print-  
ed. Read and concurred.

Nichols

Bill of J. W. Nichols, for the removal  
of a Wall in Atkinson Street, was read and referred  
to the next City Government.

Register  
of Deeds

On the order of this Board, of

Sept. 29 1851 authorizing the Register of Deeds to cause indices to  
be copied, the Committee appointed under the within order  
reported that the Register of Deeds is making out copies of the  
Indices in the most permanent manner and that it will be  
some months before the same can be completed; also, that the sum  
of three hundred dollars has been drawn on the Treasury in  
favor of the Register on account of his services and expenses.

is thus far. For the Committee, Henry B. Rogers, Chairman. Read 583  
and accepted.

Jan<sup>y</sup> 3. 1852

Ordered, That the Memorial

of Helen Gifford, and all the documents on the subject heretofore  
committed to the Committee on Water be referred to the next City  
Council. Rptd in Common Council came up for concurrence  
Read and concurred.

The Committee on Burial Grounds Indigent  
recommended that the use of Tomb N<sup>o</sup> 95 on the north side of the  
South Burial Ground be granted and appropriated to the Home  
for Aged and Indigent Females. Read and adopted.

On the application of the School Wells  
Committee respecting the use of the Wells School ward room, the School  
Committee on Public Buildings reported, that no further action is  
necessary. Read and accepted.

On the petition of Sylvanus Cobb  
Cobb, respecting the common sewer in Webster Street, the Com-  
mittee on Sewers and Drains reported a reference of said  
petition to the next City Government. Read and accepted.

The Joint Special Committee Hersey  
on the petition of Warren S. Hersey, respecting a suit by the  
City against him, reported, a reference of the same to the next  
City Government. Read and accepted.

Petition of Charles M. Parker, Parker  
that the Fire Engine on Shawmut Avenue may be retained  
Read and referred to the next City Government.



Dec 3 1852 The Committee on the Assessors' Department, to whom was referred the petition of Ellis Gray Loring, respecting the abatement of his taxes, reported a reference of the same to the next City Council. Read and accepted.

Ans house

The Committee on Public Buildings who were authorized to report in print, presented a report upon the erection of the New Alm House at Deer Island, being City Document N<sup>o</sup> 70. Read and accepted.

Tall.

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of this City require that a street should be laid out from Washington to Tremont Street near the estate of Henry K. Hancock and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to William Tall, Ellis G Loring, Henry K. Hancock, C. H. Mather, Ebenezer Hottis, and Harlan White, bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at a point on the Westerly side of Washington Street, and one foot and eight hundredths of a foot, measured along the westerly side of said Street, Northwardly from land of Ellis Gray Loring; thence Westwardly on a straight line to a point one hundred and eighty one foot and a half of a foot to a point on the boundary line between said Loring and H. K. Hancock; thence Westwardly on a straight line to a point on the Easterly side of Suffolk Street, six feet and eighty three hundredths of a foot, measured along the line of Suffolk Street Northwardly from land of said Loring; thence along Suffolk Street to a point nine feet and sixty five hundredths of a foot, measured Northwardly along the Westerly

side of Suffolk Street; thence by a straight line Westwardly to a 585.  
point on the easterly side of Thement Street fourteen feet and 1/10  
ten hundredths of a foot, measuring along the line of Thement  
Street Northwardly from land of said Loring; thence South-  
wardly, along the Easterly side of Thement Street forty feet and  
two hundredths of a foot to land of William Lull and others;  
thence Eastwardly along the boundary line between the  
said Lull and others, and the said Loring to a point on the  
Easterly side of Middlesex Street; thence Eastwardly by a  
straight line to a point on the Westerly side of Suffolk Street  
thirty feet and thirty five hundredths of a foot measured along  
the line of Suffolk Street Southwardly from land of Ebenezer Hillyer;  
thence Eastwardly by a straight line to a point or corner Eighty  
feet from Birmingham Street, measured Westwardly along the bounda-  
ry line between the said Lull and others, and the said Loring;  
thence Eastwardly along the last mentioned boundary line Eighty  
feet to Washington Street: thence Northwardly along the West-  
erly side of Washington Street forty two feet and eight hun-  
dredths of a foot to the point of beginning; it being under-  
stood that said Florence Street is to be no where less than  
forty feet in width. The whole amount of land embraced  
within the before described bounds of said Florence Street,  
leaving out the crossings of Suffolk, Middlesex, Emerald, Kil-  
lage and Albion Streets, being Thirty seven thousand two hun-  
dred and seventy seven and a half square feet, more or  
less. And this amount includes

7,029 Sq. ft., more or less, taken from William Lull and others	
28,679 1/4 " " " " " " " " " " " "	John Gray Loring
604 " " " " " " " " " " " "	N. K. Hancock



586 482 Sq. ft. (more or less) taken from Ebenezer Hollis  
 Jan<sup>y</sup> 3. 1852. 501 1/4. " " " " Ozius H. Mather  
5982 " " " " Warren White

37.277 1/2

And whereas this Board by their order, passed October 27<sup>th</sup> last, agreed to lay out the above street forty feet wide, with a grade fifteen feet above low water mark, provided the said Sam. Loring, Francis and Mather should, within thirty days from said October 27<sup>th</sup> give to said City a joint and several obligation, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, to convey in fee to said City, by good and sufficient warrantee deeds, all the lands belonging to them respectively which shall be found to lie within the line of said proposed street, as laid out by this Board estimated to contain 30,894 square feet upon receiving therefor twenty two thousand dollars; and the obligation aforesaid, bearing date November 13<sup>th</sup> last and duly executed by the parties aforesaid, has been approved by said City Solicitor and accepted by said City. And whereas due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return herunto annexed. It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City - according to a plan of the said taking made by E. S. Whetrough dated Dec<sup>r</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> instant and deposited in the Office of the said Mayor and Aldermen.

Call.

Whereas this Board by a

New street. Resolve passed this day has taken a certain parcel of land, therein described, lying on between Washington and Tremont Streets and laid out the same as a public street or way of said City,

it is therefore Ordered, That due notice be given to William Lull, 587.  
Eli. G. Young, Henry K. Hancock, C. H. Walker, Ebenezer Hells and Jan<sup>y</sup> 2 1852  
Warren White and all other persons interested as owners, proprie-  
-tors, tenants, occupants, or otherwise, in said land that they cut  
off, pull down, remove and carry away all buildings, erections  
and obstructions of every sort standing on and projecting over  
the line of said New Street, as established by the Resolve aforesaid,  
or, move and set back the same to the said line, and re-  
-vocate and surrender the land and premises taken as aforesaid  
on or before the first day of April now next ensuing. And in de-  
-fault thereof, the City Marshal is hereby directed and empow-  
-ered forthwith to enter upon said land and cause all buildings,  
erections and obstructions standing on and projecting over the  
line of said new street, as established by the Resolve aforesaid,  
to be cut off, pulled down, removed and carried away, or to be  
moved and set back to said line, and the said land to be re-  
-vated and surrendered under the direction of the Committee  
on laying out and widening streets.

Ordered, That the Superin- Street-  
-tendent of Streets be and he is hereby authorized to grade the new  
new Street laid out through the estates of H. K. Hancock and  
others, from Washington to Tremont Streets.

In Committee on the Re- City  
-duction of the City Debt. January 1<sup>st</sup> 1852. The Standing Committee  
-tee on the Reduction of the City Debt, respectfully report to the  
City Council a statement of the City Debt as it stood on the 31<sup>st</sup>  
ultimo, exclusive of the Water Debt. All the City Debt which has  
become due, up to the present time, has been paid off, or provided  
for by funds in the Treasury, and has been charged off on the



588. Auditor's Books. The amount thus charged off is 166,900.45  
Jan<sup>y</sup> 3, 1852 In addition to which there has been anticipated the  
following payments viz:—

due in January 1852	51,000
April 1852	7,000
January 1855	<u>1,000</u>

59,000.00

Total \$225,900.45

The amount passed to the credit of this Committee in the Treasurer's Books, is as follows:—

Balance remaining in the Treasury on closing up  
the accounts of the last Financial year, as per  
Auditor's Report N<sup>o</sup> 39. page 153. 25,222.98

Receipts in cash, on account of sales of Public Lands,  
since 1<sup>st</sup> May 1851. 4,138.13

Receipts on Bond Mortgage since 1 May 1851 26,406.89

Amount appropriated this year from the annual  
tax, for the gradual reduction of the City Debt, in  
conformity with the 9<sup>th</sup> section of Ordinance on  
Finance, Revised Ordinances page 122. 55,000.00

110,768.00

Leaving an excess of payment over receipts of 115,132.45

\$225,900.45

This excess will be met in part by amounts to be received to  
the credit of this Committee, before the close of the financial year,  
from the sales of Public Lands, and the balance will be provided  
for by means already authorized. It also appears from the  
books of the Treasurer that the following additions to the City  
Debt have been made since the commencement of the present

financial year, viz<sup>t</sup> - Balance obtained on order of 18<sup>th</sup> April 589.  
1850. on account of building the New Jail 18,300.00 Jan<sup>y</sup> 1852

Balance on order of 3<sup>d</sup> January 1851. on account of  
Public Lands 1,000.00

Balance of an order of 6 Feby 1851 on account of the New Jail house 13,100.00

On order of 7<sup>th</sup> July 1851. on account of the Public Lands 110,271.05

On order of 6 Feby 1851. for furnishing the New Arms  
House at Deer Island 12,000.00

On order of 8<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1851. for amount of part of the City Debt  
due in the financial year 1851.52. 1,000.00

294,271.05

The amount of the City Debt (exclusive of the Water Debt) on  
the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1851. was 1,845,927.84

Add increase as above, since that date 94,271.05

1,940,198.89

Deduct, payments as before stated 225,900.45

Debt 31<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1851 \$ 1,714,298.44

To meet this Debt there is now on hand, specifically appropriated  
for that object, Bonds & Mortgages amounting to 543,489.46

The amount of Bond & Mortgages on hand 30<sup>th</sup> April 1851 448,412.00

Increase since 30<sup>th</sup> April \$ 95,077.46

John F. Bigelow, Mayor. Francis Brinley, President of the Common  
Council. James W. Lever, Chairman of the Finance Committee on  
the part of the Common Council. Read in Common Council  
and ordered to be printed. Came up for concurrence. Read  
and concurred.

Ordered, That there be paid

to John F. Bigelow & Co. the sum of One thousand seven hundred  
and fifty dollars for land taken to widen Atkinson Street, upon



590 then giving to the city a Seal for the same, and an acquit-  
tance and discharge for all damages, cost and expenses in  
consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged  
to the appropriation for laying out and widening Streets.

Kosputh

The Joint Special Committee,  
appointed under the Order of December 18<sup>th</sup> last, to invite Louis  
Kosputh to visit the city, beg leave to Report, - that they proceed-  
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tended the hospitalities of the city to M. Kosputh, and invited  
him to come among us at his earliest convenience; and that,  
in answer, he expressed his great gratification at the invita-  
tion he had received, and, if any way consistent with his  
various other calls, his determination to accept the same at  
some future day. In behalf of the Committee, Henry B. Rogers,  
Chairman. Read and accepted.

Maya  
Thanks to.

Alderman Grant offered  
the following Resolution, - Resolved: That the thanks of this  
Board be presented to the Gen. John P. Bigelow, for his arduous  
and faithful service as Chairman of the same; and in the  
separation which is now to take place in our official relations,  
we tender him our best wishes for his health and happiness.  
Read and unanimously adopted. To which His Honor the  
Mayor made an appropriate reply: which on motion of Al-  
derman Kimball was ordered to be printed.

Unfinished  
business

Ordered, That all un-  
finished business be referred to the next Board.

The board then adjourned, without 591.  
day.

Attest,

S. F. McLeary  
City Clerk.

I the subscriber do hereby certify, that the  
forgoing is a true Record of proceedings of the Board of  
Mayor and Aldermen, for the year 1851 - Pages 1. to 591.  
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Attest, S. F. McLeary,  
City Clerk.





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